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CHINESE GOVT TO SEEK PEACE

Government To Move To Canton

Nanking, January 19.
More than 100 transport planes and two daily special planes would begin on January 21 the evacuation of the main part of the Nationalist Government, including the Cabinet of Dr. Sun Fo from Nanking to Canton, it was authoritatively learned tonight.

Only a skeleton Government staff will remain in the capital, probably including Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Foreign missions representing the British Commonwealth countries, the United States and Western European countries were not expected to accompany the Government, according to reliable information received here tonight.

Soviet Russia and her satellites, Poland and Czechoslovakia, were believed to have already decided to follow the Kuomintang regime to clear themselves of involvement in China's internal affairs.

A hurried conference of British Commonwealth diplomats and others was held in the capital today following individual visits to all Embassies and Legations by Dr. Wang Kiding, the head of the Chinese Foreign Office Protocol Department.—Reuter.

Hotel Residents Criticise Delay In Fixing Rates

Criticism over the delay of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee in submitting its recommendations to the Government, and a request that hotel residents should be compensated for the delay in the fixing of new rates, were among the points raised by the Committee of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hotel Residents' Association, which met on Tuesday night to discuss the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

Also criticised was the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that the Paramount and Cathay Hotels should not be brought under control as they were in the nature of luxury hotels, catering essentially to wealthy Chinese.

Death Toll In S. Africa Rises To 121

Durban, January 18.
The racial riots' death toll rose to 121 tonight. An African was killed last night, and early today 50 Africans and Indians were injured in sporadic incidents in Pietermaritzburg.

The native was shot dead by an Indian, who opened fire on him and other Africans when they attacked his house.

In Washington, Government circles have repeatedly refused to comment on the South African rioting, but there is unmistakable relief at indications contained in the latest despatches that the trouble has been brought under control.

Most Americans realise that, like their own country, South Africa harbours a racial problem, although its character is not completely understood.

The potential explosiveness of the Union's situation, as revealed in the past few days' occurrences, came as a shock to most Americans.

The common view among those who have an appreciation of the situation is expressed in a Washington Post editorial today—that the white population, although apparently not directly involved in either cause or effect of the rioting—is indirectly involved.

The editorial declares: "Wider repercussions can hardly be foreseen or measured yet." It says that the rioting occurred in an atmosphere surcharged with racial discriminations and animosities of unusual complexity.—Reuter.

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Cabinet Agrees To Ask Reds For Cease-Fire MOMENTOUS DECISION

Nanking, January 19.

The Nationalist Government decided today to seek peace with the Chinese Communists.

In a momentous decision, the Cabinet agreed at a full meeting to make an early public declaration of policy answering Mr. Mao Tse-tung's broadcast peace terms and to make an endeavour to send a representative to the Communist capital of Yanan to negotiate an immediate cease-fire, the Inner Cabinet Minister, General Chang Chih-chung, told Reuter this afternoon.

In a short statement tonight, the Nationalist Government called for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire by both the Nationalist and Communist forces, and for the appointment by both sides of delegates to start peace negotiations.

The Government statement did not say how it intended to implement its decision which was taken at a regular meeting of the Executive Yuan today, when it discussed the Nationalist position at length.

The statement read: "The Government, in deference to the logical wishes of the people for an early restoration of peace, hereby makes known its desire for both the Government and Communist forces to cease fire unconditionally and immediately, and for both sides to appoint delegates to start peace negotiations."

Heated Argument On Issue

According to reliable informants the decision was recommended to the Cabinet Ministers by the leader of the Kuomintang peace faction, General Chang Chih-chung. The proposal was greeted with shouts of "this would mean surrender" by the Kuomintang Conservative Ministers, who argued heatedly that it would be impossible to negotiate with the Communists.

The Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, was then reported to have threatened to resign if the right wing Ministers insisted on war. There was no other way, he was understood to have told his Ministers, to solve the deteriorating Nationalist predicament, except by peace negotiations.

When opposing voices had quietened down, the Ministers agreed upon negotiations by making a public declaration of policy that is now being drafted by the Inner Cabinet Ministers, in consultation with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at his mansion.

Diplomats Welcome Decision

The Executive Yuan's decision to seek peace is warmly welcomed by diplomats. "It is a step in the right direction, even if it turns out to be just another stall to gain time," was the general reaction. It is believed it represents a temporary victory for one of two groups who are contending for position to control events when the Government moves.

The group gaining the upper hand at today's meeting includes members of the Executive Yuan, who overcame tremendous confusion, panic, inertia as well as strong resistance when they forced the vote through without the visible approval of the Generalissimo.

A week ago, he himself named a committee to draft such a measure, but when Mr. Mao Tse-tung broadcast his stiff peace terms the project collapsed because of Chiang's fury and the panic it created among Government members.

The other group are strong-arm Kuomintang diehards who, it is feared, seek to make Nanking a second Tientsin and invite Communist attack before abandoning the city. The gravity of the problem is shown by fear expressed by some peace-seeking officials that they will be assassinated by such elements.

They point to Peiping where a bomb wounded a peace delegate, former Mayor Ho Sze-yuan, before he could leave to confer with the Communists on a ceasefire agreement.

A source arriving from Peiping says an examination of the bomb showed fragments of it came from the standard hand-grenade the Nationalists use. He says an investigation led to the conclusion that the bomb was planted by KMT extremists in order to delay a negotiated peace.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Satellites' Boycott Of Yugoslavia

Belgrade, January 18.
The Serbian Premier, M. Petar Stambulic, told the Serbian Communist Party Congress in Belgrade today that the people's democracies are "restricting" their trade agreements with Yugoslavia.

This statement followed yesterday's announcement of the signature on Sunday of a Yugoslav-Polish trade and payments agreement, which gave neither its value nor its duration.

Sunday's agreement is thought to have been within the framework of the five-year agreement between Poland and Yugoslavia made in May, 1947, which provided for an obligatory exchange of goods over five years to the value of £11,050,000 each way, but it included a clause providing for a further exchange of £12,000 worth of goods each way if they become available.

It is thought by observers in Belgrade that the new agreement may be restricted to obligatory exchanges only as the list of goods to be provided by Poland under Sunday's agreement corresponds to some of the goods listed as obligatory under the original agreement.—Reuter.

AID TO CHINA

Washington, January 19.
The State Department today announced that on January 14 United States aid to China totaled US\$120,000,000.

This figure is US\$10,187 larger than the total for the preceding Friday.—United Press.

Services Of 11 European Police Officers Ended

Eleven European officers in the Hong Kong Police Force have received official notice of the termination of their services at the end of July, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The officers are Chief Inspector J. A. McCahey, Inspector N. Senior, Inspector H. C. Timms, Inspector H. Brownrigg, Sub-Inspector J. C. MacMillan, Sub-Inspector W. A. R. Saunders, Sub-Inspector A. S. Fleming, Sub-Inspector D. G. Cutler, Sub-Inspector A. W. Smith, Sub-Inspector R. G. Parsons and Sub-Inspector D. S. Munro.

A spokesman for the Commissioner of Police when asked for confirmation of the dismissal notices and the reasons for the action, replied: "No statement."

The spokesman confirmed a report that 20 newly-recruited European officers are now on their way to join the Police Force. In reply to a question, he said that the European contingent of the Force is up to strength, in fact slightly in excess.

An unconfirmed report last night said that 15 of the new 20 officers arrived here by the s.s. Canton.

Contracts Ended
The 11 police officers concerned were given six months' notice which ends on July 31. Their three-year contracts expires on January 31.

The notice also requested them to let the Commissioner of Police know before the end of April their proposed destinations and the number of passengers required.

The 16 new European recruits who are expected to arrive in Hong Kong by the end of the month will be assigned to various duties.—Associated Press.

On China



Brigadier Leonard F. Field, outgoing military attache to the British Embassy at Nanking, is returning to London for a new post in the War Office. He has been in China on and off for nearly 27 years.—"China Mail" Photo.

Red Sweep Matter Of Time

The Chinese Communists have destroyed a great portion of the Government forces and it is a matter of time now for them to take over.

That is the opinion of Brigadier Leonard Frank Field, CBE, Dutch Order of Orange Nassau, who is returning to London by the RMS Canton for a new assignment in the War Office.

The future of Hong Kong depends on the Communists themselves who will not be foolish, however, to disregard such a prosperous Colony, said the former military attache to the British Embassy at Nanking, who has been in China since 1946.

If doubt whether foreign trade would be affected in the event of Red control, Russia and China have not got what each requires, and they depend on the outside world," he declared.

There has been no evidence of foreign assistance to the Chinese Communists, Japanese arms, however, were taken when they took Manchuria.

Met Communists

Brigadier Field met Chinese Communist officials when they were negotiating with General George Marshall.

"Government circles think Mr. Mao Tse-tung and General Chu Teh are capable men," he said. Brigadier Field has three months' leave before he returns to Hong Kong, and Mr. Tung Pi-wu, head of CLARA.

Brigadier Field first came to China 27 years ago, as a language officer. During World War 2, he was deputy director of Intelligence at Singapore for three months; Director of Intelligence in Java for two months, and then became General Alexander's chief Chinese liaison officer in Burma.

He returned to Europe in 1942 and during the Europe invasion was with SHAN.

He came to China for the third time early in 1945 as military attache to the British Embassy. He has been to Chungking and Nanking.

Accompanied by Mrs. Field, he arrived here by plane last week-end.

SUMMER TIME

London, January 18.
Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, announced in Commons this afternoon that the Government propose that this year Summer time shall extend from April 3 to October 30.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the anti-cyclone has moved 5 miles N China and appears to be weakening. A tropical depression E of the Philippines is stationary.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh E winds. Fair or cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 48.5 deg. F. Minimum: 35.9 deg. F. Rainfall: 0.8 inches.

Monthly: N. H. Total since Jan. 1—2.8 inches. 0.8 inch as rainfall as average of 18.4 inches for 1948.

Bar at sea: 1017.2, 1018.5 mb. Bar at land: 1017.2, 1018.5 mb. Wind direction: 10, 10 g. Wind speed: 10, 10 knots. Tide in: 10, 10. Tide out: 10, 10. High: 10, 10. Low: 10, 10.

Gives Reasons For Delay On HK Municipal Council

Heavy accumulation of work in the legal department of the Colonial Office in London is attributed to the delay in the completion of bills relating to the proposed municipal council for Hong Kong.

This is the opinion of Mr. J. J. Paskin, one of the Assistant Under-Secretaries of State for the Colonies, who is here on an official visit. Mr. Paskin told a Press conference yesterday that he is concerned with the Far Eastern area including the Pacific and Indian oceans.

He is making a tour of British territories in connection with the Colonial Office policy of keeping personnel in touch with the colonies—to see what they look like, to get to know what they do and think.

The reply to questions, Mr. Paskin said that the Colonial Office was really serious about having a municipal council in Hong Kong. As he was not familiar with the relative correspondence, he was unable to say how much progress has been made.

He said that the reason for the delay is due to the shortage of staff in the legal department of the Colonial Office. The small staff there which has been dealing with documents from all the colonies is, however, increasing.

Staff Overwhelmed
Mr. Paskin said that during the last two years there has been a considerable amount of constitution-making, keeping the legal staff very busy. There was an accumulation of work overwhelming the small staff.

He added that comments from the legal department on the bills governing the proposed municipal council for Hong Kong will probably be out in two or three weeks.

These comments in turn will have to be considered by Hong Kong's legal department.

Asked whether any alternative proposal for giving the people a larger share in the administration of Hong Kong will be considered if the public decides not to have a municipal council, Mr. Paskin replied in the affirmative.

He said that if after studying the bills the public decides on something different, their alternative proposals will "most certainly" be given consideration.

Mr. Paskin could not give any information on Sir Patrick Abercrombie's proposals for Hong Kong town planning. As far as he knew, the proposals are still under consideration. He could not say what stage the considerations have reached.

Mr. Paskin will leave for Singapore tomorrow. He is accompanied by Mrs. Paskin.

Voorhees is concerned primarily with food programmes in occupied areas. And it is expected that he will look into this subject in Japan as well as participate in overall considerations aimed at further assisting Japanese economic recovery.

Dodge will remain in Japan indefinitely as financial adviser to General MacArthur. He will have the diplomatic rank of minister.

Royall's visit to Japan is expected to further execution of the recently announced economic programme for that country and to make progress toward solution of fundamental problems related to that programme and to Japan's overall economic rehabilitation.—Associated Press.

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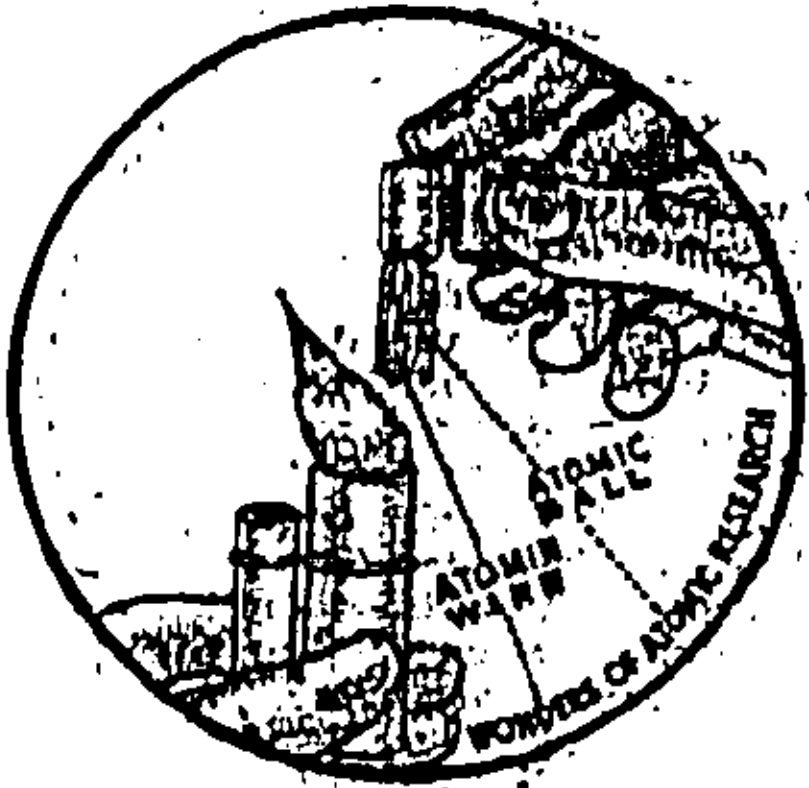
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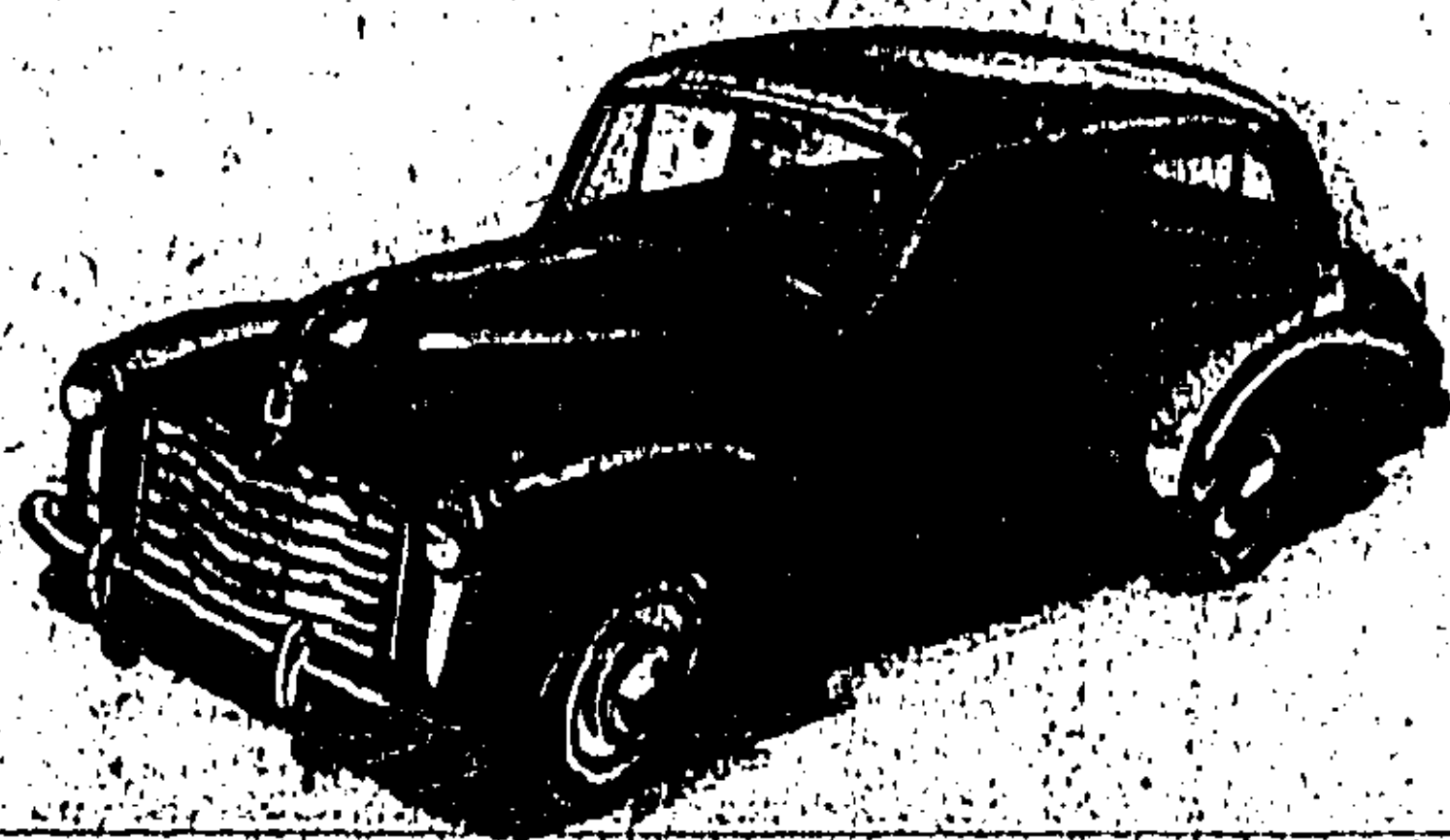
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SEAMEN COMMITTED TO TRIAL FOR RAPE

Able Seamen Joseph McGuinness, aged 24, Vincent Judge, aged 25, and William James McConway, aged 24, of HMS Ector, were at the conclusion of the Crown case, committed for trial by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Accused were charged on four counts of assault causing grievous bodily harm to Leslie George Cubitt, Leading Telegraphist of HMS Tamar at Austin Road and Navy Street on January 4; robbing Cubitt of \$50, a cigarette lighter and a propelling pencil; assault on Cubitt; and rape of Lee Yuk-ngo at Woosung Street.

McGuinness was additionally charged with stealing US\$2 from Lee Yuk-ngo at Woosung Street.

PC 54 Luk Lai-kai testified yesterday that while on duty at Tsimshatsui Pier at 1 a.m. on January 4 he saw Cubitt, with blood on his forehead, riding in a rickshaw. As the result of what the rickshaw puller told him, he took Cubitt to the Tsimshatsui Police Station.

Sub-Inspector A. Baggett said that he was on duty in the Charge Room when Cubitt was brought to the station. He took down the report made by Cubitt, and then referred the case to Detective Sub-Inspector C. A. Nicol.

When the three accused turned up to sign the book at the Navy Street gate of the Kowloon Naval Yard he saw that their clothes were rather dirty "as if they had been rolling on the ground," said A. O. Devlin, PC 8 of the Royal Naval Yard Police.

Witness said that he noticed blood stains on McGuinness's shirt front, and asked him, jokingly, "What's happened to you?" to which first accused replied, "I fell."

Sub-Inspector T. Dow said that soldiers were first mentioned by the first accused who said that he had been fighting with some soldiers. Cubitt then said that he had been fighting with some soldiers.

After questioning them, said witness, he decided to let them go. As they were leaving, he saw first accused lifting his jumper and untie a collar concealed under the jumper. The collar was full of blood. The three men were allowed to go back to their ship under an escort.

While questioning the three accused, said PCF Nicol, he noticed blood stains on their caps and on the front of the first accused's shirt. When he showed the propelling pencil to Cubitt in HMS Tamar, Cubitt identified it as his property and produced the matching pen.

DSI W. H. Summers, who conducted the case for the prosecution, said that he made two tests at Austin Road and Navy Street. He placed his pencil on the ground and, on both occasions, found that it was impossible to see the pencil without the aid of a torch, although the time was only 8 p.m.

Accused's Statement: When charged with causing grievous bodily harm, McGuinness said, "L. G. Cubitt started that trouble." To the robbery,

he replied, "We never robbed him. I found the pencil on the ground." He made no statement when charged with rape and larceny, and to the count of assault said, "Nothing to say."

Second accused, charged with causing grievous bodily harm, said, "I did not cause grievous bodily harm to L. G. Cubitt. In between Canton Road and Navy Street." To the assault charge, he replied, "I did not assault Leslie George Cubitt."

His reply to the robbery count was, "I did not steal any pencil or money from L. G. Cubitt," and to the rape charge he stated, "I was under the impression that it was paid for by the Yankee sailor."

The third accused, went on DSI Summers, pleaded "Not guilty" to the grievous bodily harm count, and "Well, I was under the influence of drink and hardly remember what I was doing," to the assault charge.

On the robbery count, he said, "I did not interfere with Cubitt while the lighting was going on." To the rape charge, he replied, "I was asked to, and understood it was paid for and the girl was quite willing."

Of six witnesses called to the identification parade held on January 10, said Chief Inspector McCalvey, only Corporal Kibb of the Scots Guards identified any of the accused. He went up to the third accused and said, "It was speaking to this man while the fight was going on."

Neither Cubitt nor the rickshaw coolie, Ngan Man-ho, were able to pick out any of the three men.

Forty-five deaths from tuberculosis were reported to the Medical authorities during the first eight days of the year.

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Blair-Kerr On Delays In Disposing Of Cases

The attitude of the Kowloon Second Court towards adjournments and delays in disposing of cases was clearly stated by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday, in his reply to Mr. Marcus de Silva's protest at the court fixing a date for hearing of a case when defence counsel applied for a week's formal remand.

"The attitude of this court to adjournments and delays in disposing of cases is governed by the belief that it is in the interest of all concerned that cases should be disposed of in a reasonable time."

"It is unfair to both the prosecution and the defence to have charges outstanding for long periods. It detracts from the efficiency of our whole system of administration of criminal justice."

"When the case in which the 22-year-old son of the Shing Yick Singing Co. of 213 Yu China Street was charged with obstructing Detective Law Chuen in the execution of his duty at 32 Apple Street Second Floor, was called on January 11, Mr. Silva applied for the case to be heard on the afternoon of either February 1 or 10."

He said that at the first formal remand the court fixed the date as January 26, a date which was not available to defence counsel. When Mr. Silva suggested the two alternative dates, the court commented, "That's too far ahead, Mr. Silva."

Defence counsel referred to a private letter which he said he sent to the magistrate, in which he stated that the case was one

in which the defendant was arrested on January 11, and bailed out very late that night.

"He was only able to get in touch with me on the morning of January 12, on which date he appeared before the court on formal remand."

"As I was engaged on other business on January 12, I had no time to go into the question of his plea—and it would be insane of me to come before the court without going fully into his plea to see whether to plead guilty and address the court on mitigation, or to contest the charge—I sent my clerk with a letter to ask for a week's remand to take instructions."

Mr. Silva went on to say that when his clerk was in court the bench proceeded to fix January 26 for hearing the charge. He was told that the officer in charge of the case had not indicated that there was any particular hurry for the trial, and gave no indication for an early date.

The police officer also indicated that there was the possibility of the date fixed not being available in Mr. Silva's diary, but the bench proceeded to fix the date.

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PWD Charge Hand Gives Evidence

A statement that he could remember that exactly 600 yards of wire were taken from Wanchai for the Yacht Club electrical job because he had been interrogated so many times, was made yesterday by a Crown witness at the PWD larceny trial.

Lai Fu, chargehand attached to the PWD Wanchai workshop, disclosed this in the course of cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton, who had asked him how he could remember the amount of wire, and yet could not remember his previous wages.

Lai was giving evidence in the trial of Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, Grady I, electrical inspector, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged with 12 counts of larceny by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Lai Fu said in evidence yesterday that about May 1947 he undertook some electrical work at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on the island of Tung Tin. The work, which was done by himself and three others, took three or four days.

Lai testified that the materials were obtained from the Wanchai workshop.

Referring to Lai's statement given in the Lower Court, Mr. D'Alton, counsel for Spary, told witness that he had said he was instructed to do the work by Ho Ting. Witness replied by saying that before going to work that morning, he saw his number on the board written by Ho Ting.

Lai further said that instructions were given by Ho Ting, while the one who took him to the site for the job was Tang Tin. Lai further revealed that the materials were taken from the floor of the workshop, his gun, and that someone had already taken them from the stores and took them to the first floor.

Mr. D'Alton then told witness that in his previous statement, witness had said he did not remember from what part of the workshop he had obtained the materials.

Counsel suggested to Lai that he had told three stories, the first in the Lower Court being that he had taken the stores from the Wanchai workshop but could not remember where. The second story being that he had obtained them from the first floor of the workshop, and the third that witness said he took the stores from the first floor because it was the usual routine. Witness agreed to be asked as to whether the Yacht Club job was on the board at the Wanchai office in the morning, together with other jobs, witness replied in the affirmative.

Witness denied having been given money for the Yacht Club job by anybody. He admitted, however, that about two months after the job, Ho Ting informed him that they would have a dinner.

Witness further stated that his present wages were \$5 a day, but

he could not remember what it was before the strike of PWD employees.

Mr. D'Alton: How is it that you can remember exactly 600 yards of wire were taken from the Wanchai workshop for the Yacht Club job, and you cannot remember your previous wages?

Witness: I had been interrogated many times as to the yards of wiring and so I could remember that.

Cross-examined by Mr. Chen, counsel for Kwok, Lai stated that the 600 yards of wire were in coils and were covered with rags. Tied to each coil was a label with English lettering on it.

The next witness, Ho Hui, electrical inspector, gave corroborative evidence, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton.

Another electrical, Yeung Chui, testified to the work done at the Hong Kong Football Club, in which 30 or 40 yards of wire for the installation of fans were used. This work, witness said, was done on the instructions of Ho Ting.

Ng Kau, electrical, corroborated Yeung's evidence as regards the Football Club electrical job and testified that the materials were obtained from Wanchai.

Witness also gave testimony as to the re-wiring of Room 215, Gloucester Building, after which, he said, he was given \$30 by a lady receptionist.

Ng, under cross-examination by Mr. D'Alton, stated that on the morning of the day he went to the Hong Kong Football Club, neither his name nor his number were on the list board. His instructions to install the three fans were received verbally from Ho Ting, he said, who told him that the wiring and the hooks were already in place at the club.

Cannot Remember

Asked by Mr. Chen if he could remember the date on which he began his job at the Hong Kong Football Club, witness said he could not remember the date nor the month, but that it was sometime in the Autumn of 1947.

Chan Chun-chin, another electrical, testified that he worked at the European dentist's office at 216 Gloucester Building with Ng Kau, and also at the Football Club with Yeung Chui.

Lo Kin, chargehand attached to the PWD workshop at Hung Hom gave evidence as to electrical work having been done at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club under instructions from Kwok Kwong. Having received such instructions, he continued, he gave orders to another workman as to the re-wiring of the place. Two or three days after the commencement of the work, witness said, the 600 yards of wire had been used up, so that a further 100 yards were given to him by Kwok Kwong.

Cross-examined, witness denied having taken back money from several workmen as a chargehand, after they had been paid for a certain job.

Mr. Chen: The workmen draw money for overtime work and you took it back didn't you? Witness: That had nothing to do with me. I put it to you that you not only got the money from the men but you gave it to Ho Sung. Ho Sung told me to do so.

After further cross-examination, another electrical gave testimony as to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club electrical job. He further added that he had, on one occasion, seen Spary at the bar in the club having a drink while he was at work near the telephone booth on the verandah.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Alton, witness admitted he never actually saw any materials being taken at any time out of the stores while the work at the Bowling Green was in progress.

After further cross-examination, hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon talk: "The History of Education" by Mr. T. R. Rowell, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge-Mah Jong Drive in aid of Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children, Repulse Bay Hotel Lounge, 2.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HKFA Inter-Sub-Committee meeting, HKFA office, Prince's Bldg., 6.15 p.m.

Emergency Committee meeting of HKFA, Prince's Bldg., 6.15 p.m.

Army Cross Country Race, Sun-wai, 2 p.m.

RAC Association luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Screening of coloured film on "Mechanical Handling Equipment" by British General Electric Co. Ltd, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel, 6.15 p.m.

HK Stage Club's evening meeting for "The Golden Pig", China Field Club, 8.30 p.m.

Talk on "School Broadcasts" by Dr. D. P. Dobson to HK Teachers' Association, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m.

Legislative Council Meeting, Chamber, 2.30 p.m.

St. Thomas' Morn. Association Annual general meeting, Catholic Club, King's Bldg., 6.30 p.m.

Younger Set Club dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

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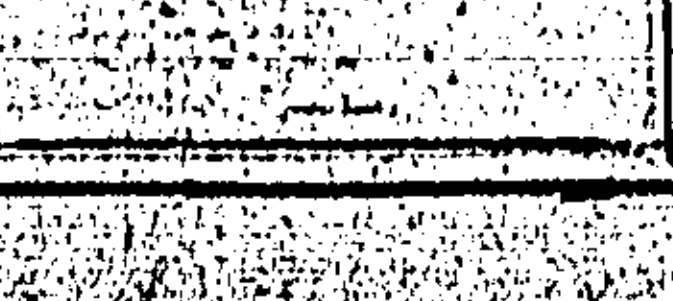
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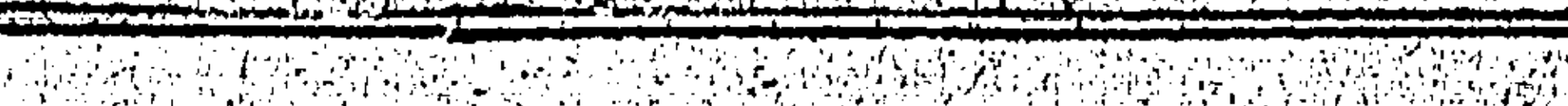
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BOOK-KEEPER with secretary knowledge, five years experience, male only, Chinese, speak Shanghai dialect, state salary want. Apply Box No. 711 "CHINA MAIL."

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HONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS at 50 cents per copy. Obtainable at all leading book stores, Newspaper Sellers and "China Mail" Office.

CHINA MAIL POSTCARD—\$1.00 for 6 or 20 cents each. Obtainable at all leading book stores and "China Mail" Office.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY

(British Section)

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed Tenders in Duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for rebuilding of two C.H.R. second class carriages No. 38306 and No. 36315" will be received at the Head Office, Kowloon Canton Railway, Kowloon, until noon on Friday, 21st January, 1949.

Tenders must attach to each tender a receipt showing that they have deposited with the Accountant of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the sum of \$500.00 as pledge of the bona fides of their tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Railway, if any tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his tender, should such tender be accepted.

Forms of tender, specifications and further particulars may be obtained from the Head Office, Kowloon Canton Railway, Kowloon.

L. B. TREVOR,

General Manager, Railway.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers.
Pedder Building.
Telephone No. 20224.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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On View from Thursday, the 20th January, 1949.

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HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Dr. D. P. Dobson, J.P., I.L.D., will give a talk to members of the Association on "School Broadcasts" at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th, in St. John's Cathedral Hall. All interested are invited to attend.

M. HEARSON,
Joint Secretary.

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SJAHRIR RELEASED, TALKS WITH DREES

Britons To Have Less Meat

London, January 18. Britain's fresh meat ration is to be cut from January 23 because of delay in deliveries of meat from Argentina, the Ministry of Food announced tonight.

The ration will be reduced from one shilling's worth to 10 pence worth a week. The cut will be made in the amount of meat from Argentina, the Ministry of Food announced tonight.

The Argentine Government has assured Britain that they will do their utmost to make good the shortage as soon as possible but it is anticipated that by the end of March deliveries will still be 60,000 tons in arrears.

From January 30, Britain's bacon ration is to be restored to two ounces weekly. Argentina has agreed to take part in this month's International Wheat Conference in Washington.

Reuters' financial editor writes: The rather unexpected decision of Argentina to take part in the Conference implies that she needs a guaranteed export market.

She badly needs markets to move her accumulated stocks and above all to earn foreign money.—Reuters.

BRITAIN AND SOUTH KOREA

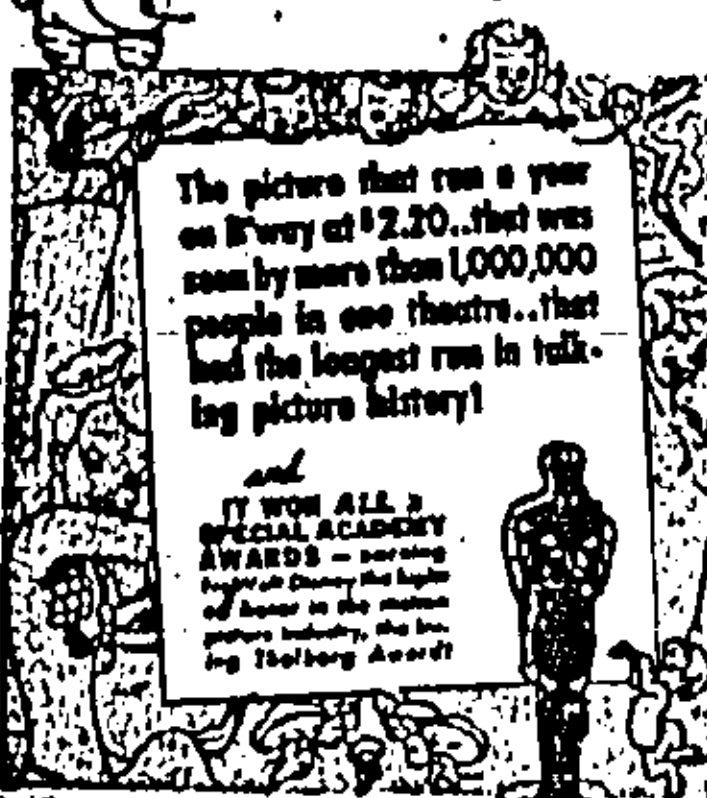
London, January 18. Britain has recognised the Government of Southern Korea, a Foreign Office spokesman announced today.

The British Consul-General in Seoul, Mr. V. Holt, has been appointed British Charge d'Affaires. The Southern Korean Government resulted from elections held under the observation of the United Nations Temporary Commission in Korea.—Reuters.

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Batavia, January 18.

Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, former Indonesian Republican Premier who was released from Dutch internment this morning, later had a 90-minute discussion at Batavia with the Dutch Premier, Dr. Willem Drees.

After the talk, at which Jonkheer Michiels Van Verduyven, Dutch Ambassador to Britain, was also present, Dr. Sjahrir said nothing has been fixed for the future.

He said the talks were purely informal and personal and covered a wide range of subjects. Dr. Sjahrir, who was personal adviser to the Republican President, Dr. I. R. Soekarno, was intended to him and other Republican leaders when the Dutch "police action" began.

Dr. Sjahrir told correspondents that the Dutch gave him complete freedom of movement and that he had not been required to sign any pledges.

Dr. Sjahrir added that he may meet leaders of the Federal States informally and arrange for them to be made for him to communicate with Dr. Soekarno and the other Republican leaders.

In Amsterdam, a special Dutch Labour Party Congress on Indonesia has adopted a resolution calling for Holland's co-operation with the United Nations by an immediate and full implementation of her political promises to Indonesia and the Security Council, including the release of the Republican leaders.

World Suspicion

The voting was 1,879 to 909. The resolution says political promises should be fulfilled through the immediate establishment of an Interim Federal Government, acceptable as a genuinely National Government throughout

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T. 12.45 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.52 p.m.—"From the Films"—Old and New.

1.50 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Bandier and the Palm Court Orchestra with Frederick Harrey (Baritone). (H.K.T.)

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.45 p.m.—Programme Summary.

3.00 p.m.—Children's Story: "The River Bank" by Eileen Trevor. (H.K.T.)

3.15 p.m.—"The Ghost Ship".

3.30 p.m.—"La Demi-Heure Francaise". (Studio)

3.45 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

4.00 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.

4.15 p.m.—"Down Beat Discs" presented by Paul Stuart. (Studio)

4.30 p.m.—"From the Editorials". (London Relay)

4.45 p.m.—University Programme: Pure and Applied Science No. 8: "Engineering" by Professor Andrew Robertson. (H.K.T.)

5.00 p.m.—"Concerto" Piano Concerto in C Minor K 401 (Mozart) Edwin Fischer (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

5.15 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music. (H.K.T.)

5.30 p.m.—Book Review: Aileen Dekker. (Studio)

5.45 p.m.—The Strange Story of Simon Odé" by Lester Powell (H.K.T.)

6.00 p.m.—Episode 21 "The Day Nursing Home".

6.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

6.30 p.m.—Weather Report.

6.45 p.m.—"Thursday Bernado" A Programme of Continuous Music.

7.00 p.m.—Dance Time.

7.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Bangkok Does Not Approve

Bangkok, January 18. The Bangkok Government today asserted that it does not approve Dutch military action in Indonesia and that Siam desires to see Indonesia a sovereign country.

A Foreign Office announcement said that the Bangkok charge d'affaires in New Delhi will be an observer at the Asian conference. The Government will not send a representative to the meeting, it is explained, because this may be considered interference in a matter already under consideration by the UN Security Council.—United Press.

FILM MAGNATE DENIES STORY

Hollywood, January 19. The movie producer, David Selznick, today denied Warner Brothers' studio report that he is selling out.

Selznick, 47-year-old fiancée of the actress, Jennifer Jones, said his studio has several deals to lend stars to Warner and other studios, but points out that he has been doing this for years.

The Warner announcement said that Selznick, who headed production at RKO and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer before organizing his own studio, has made them an offer of all his properties. This would include such stars as Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck, Joseph Cotten, Shirley Temple, Vanille, Louis Jourdan and Robert Mitchum, all under contract to Selznick.—United Press.

Cleaning Up On U.S. Comics

New York, January 18.

The "Schultz Office," Censoring Bureau of the Association of Comics Magazine Publishers, today began screening the comics for objectionable material which may contribute to juvenile delinquency.

Henry Schultz, executive director of the Association, said his office will censor all magazines of publishers willing to subscribe to the comics code. Magazines approved by the Office will carry a seal indicating that they meet the Association's standards.

The Schultz Code is designed to eliminate emphasis on crime, sadistic torture, warlike illustrations, vulgar and obscene language, glamorous treatment of divorce and attacks on religious and racial groups.

According to Dr. Frederick Wertham, head psychiatrist of the Lafargue Clinic for Child Guidance, over 60,000,000 comic magazines are read in the United States monthly.

Recently they have shown a strong increase in crime content, he says.

Comics dealing with crime exclusively are one-tenth of total publication in 1947, while one-

third of 1948 comics were devoted to crime. Last year also saw the publication of over 200 new crime and horror titles—ten times as many as were introduced in the previous ten years.—United Press.

REFUGEES' HUTS RAZED BY FIRE

Shanghai, January 19. A disastrous fire yesterday wiped out a squatters colony in the Southern suburbs of Shanghai.

After quelling the flames, firemen discovered the charred corpses of an adult and a child. Over 1,000 people were rendered homeless by the fire, which broke out in a fire-cracker shop situated in a cluster of makeshift shanties where refugees from North Kiangsu and other war-torn areas are living.—Reuter.

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YOUTHS DEMONSTRATE IN LONDON SQUARE

London, January 19.

Placards bearing the words "hands off Indonesia" were carried round Portman Square yesterday. Fifty London University students took part in a demonstration outside the Dutch Embassy organised by the Co-ordinating Council for Colonial Students Affairs.

Most of the students are from West Africa, India and South East Asia. The women wore national dress.

Dilip Bose, Bengali President of the Council, told a Press Association reporter: "We shall submit to the Embassy a resolution saying that the Colonial students recognise the rights of the Indonesian people to complete independence and demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners."

He had been told that a small deputation would be received. Also outside the Embassy with a placard was Miss Jean Jacobs, Secretary of the Student Labour Federation, who said: "The Labour Federation share this expression of indignation against the Dutch policy in Indonesia."

"Stop The War"

Passers-by stopped to read the placards and one of them told an Indian student: "There are a lot of Londoners with you, Miss."

Hirunati Subandrio, an Indonesian student of anthropology, said that she had attended to show that the few Indonesians in London are grateful for the support of London students.

Later the resolution was taken into the Embassy by three men. While the delegation was inside, the students, led by a West African, chanted slogans and shouted: "Down with Imperialist aggression, support Indonesia and stop the Dutch war."

One of the delegation said that an official had accepted the resolution and that it will be forwarded to the Ambassador and to the Netherlands Government.—Associated Press.

Pauper Once Had Millions

Rio De Janeiro, January 18. Charles Ponzi, "get rich quick" schemer who once did a quarter-million dollars of business a day and waded ankle-deep in dollar bills through his office, died a pauper today at a charity hospital here at the age of 68.

Ponzi was deported to Italy in 1924 after serving a seven-year sentence as a "common and notorious thief" in Massachusetts State Prison. Unable to find financial success in Italy, he came to Brazil shortly after the outbreak of World War II. He opened a hotel and for a time was a leading figure in the capital's Italian circles. Bad luck dogged him and the hotel failed. Then came illness.

He became paralysed and bankrupt and was taken to a charity hospital. He died penniless. New York friends have asked the Rio authorities not to bury him as a pauper, and funds for the funeral will be sent from the United States.

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everyone has been schooled to accept it. Hysteria, born of excessive fear, is encountered only in exceptional cases. In battles of this kind it is more than ever necessary that responsible commanders exhibit the firmness, the calmness, the optimism that can pierce through the web of conflicting reports, doubts, and uncertainty and by taking advantage of every enemy weakness win through to victory. The American commanders reached in just this fashion.

Early in the battle, on December 22, I issued one of the few "Orders of the Day" I wrote during the war. In it I said:

By rushing out from his fixed position, the enemy gave us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat. So I call upon every man, for all the Allies to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort. Let everyone hold before him a single thought—to destroy the enemy on the ground, in the air, everywhere—destroy him! United in this determination and with unshakable faith in the cause for which we fight, we will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory.

North of the break-through three Allied armies and part of another occupied a great salient, extending in a rough semicircle over 250 miles of front. In the Twenty-first Army Group, facing Northward and Eastward along the lower Rhine and the Meuse River, next to the South was the U.S. Ninth Army, facing East. Next in line was that part of the U.S. First Army, now facing Southward, which remained North of the penetration.

All the troops that could be spared from the First and Ninth Army fronts were being assembled to build up an East-West defensive line against the German assault. These two armies could, at that moment, provide no mobile reserve whatsoever.

There was, however, an available reserve in Montgomery's Twenty-first Army Group. It was the British 30 Corps, then out of the line and available for duty anywhere on our great semicircular front in the North, any part of which might be attacked by the enemy. Very definitely that salient had become one battle front, with a single reserve which might be called upon to operate in support either of the British and Canadian armies or of the American Ninth and First Armies. The depth of the German advance on the eighteenth and nineteenth had broken all normal communications between Bradley's headquarters at Luxembourg and the headquarters of the Ninth and First Armies. For this reason it was completely impossible for Bradley to give to the attack on the Southern shoulder the attention that I desired, and at the same time keep properly in touch with the troops in the North who were called upon to meet the heaviest German blows.

To this whole situation only one solution seemed applicable. This was to place all troops on the Northern salient under one commander. The only way of achieving the necessary unity was to place Montgomery temporarily in command of all the Northern forces and direct Bradley to give his full attention to affairs on the South. Because of my faith in the soundness of the teamwork that we had built up, I had no hesitancy in adopting this solution. I telephoned Bradley to inform him of

this decision and then called Field Marshal Montgomery and gave him his orders.

Late that evening Mr. Churchill telephoned to ask how the battle was going. I gave him the outline of the countermeasures already directed and informed him of the temporary command setup. He remarked that my plan would make the British reserve instantly available for use wherever needed, regardless of previously defined zones, and said, "I assure you that British troops will always deem it an honour to enter the same battle as their American friends."

The command plan worked and there was generally universal acceptance of its necessity at the time. Unfortunately, after the battle was over a press conference held by Montgomery, supplemented by a number of press stories written by reporters attached to the Twenty-first Army Group, created the unfortunate impression among Americans that Montgomery was claiming he had moved in as the saviour of the Americans. I do not believe that Montgomery meant his words as they sounded, but the mischief was not lessened thereby.

This incident caused me more distress and worry than did any similar one of the war. I doubt that Montgomery ever came to realize how deeply resentful some American commanders were. They believed that he had deliberately belittled them—and they were not slow to voice reciprocal scorn and contempt. However, the accusations and recriminations that flew about the command for a period were directed not at the military sources of the original decision, but at the interpretations the Americans placed upon Montgomery's press conference and the news stories out of his headquarters. It was a pity that such an incident had to mar the universal satisfaction in final success.

At the same time a portion of the British press revived the old question of a single ground commander. Field Marshal Montgomery believed in this as a matter of principle; he offered to make junior Bradley if I would approve. It was opposed as a matter of principle and continued to reject the proposition. Even General Marshall, on December 30, telegraphed me on this point, saying:

They may or may not have brought to your attention articles in certain London papers proposing a British deputy commander for all your ground forces, and implying that you have undertaken too much of a task yourself. My feeling is this: under no circumstances make any concessions not any kind whatsoever. I am not assuming that you had in mind such a concession. I just wish you to be certain of our attitude. You are doing a grand job, and go on and give them hell.

To Be Continued

the strength of the German assault and spoke so lightly of the task assigned him that I felt it necessary to impress upon him the need of strength and cohesion in his own advance.

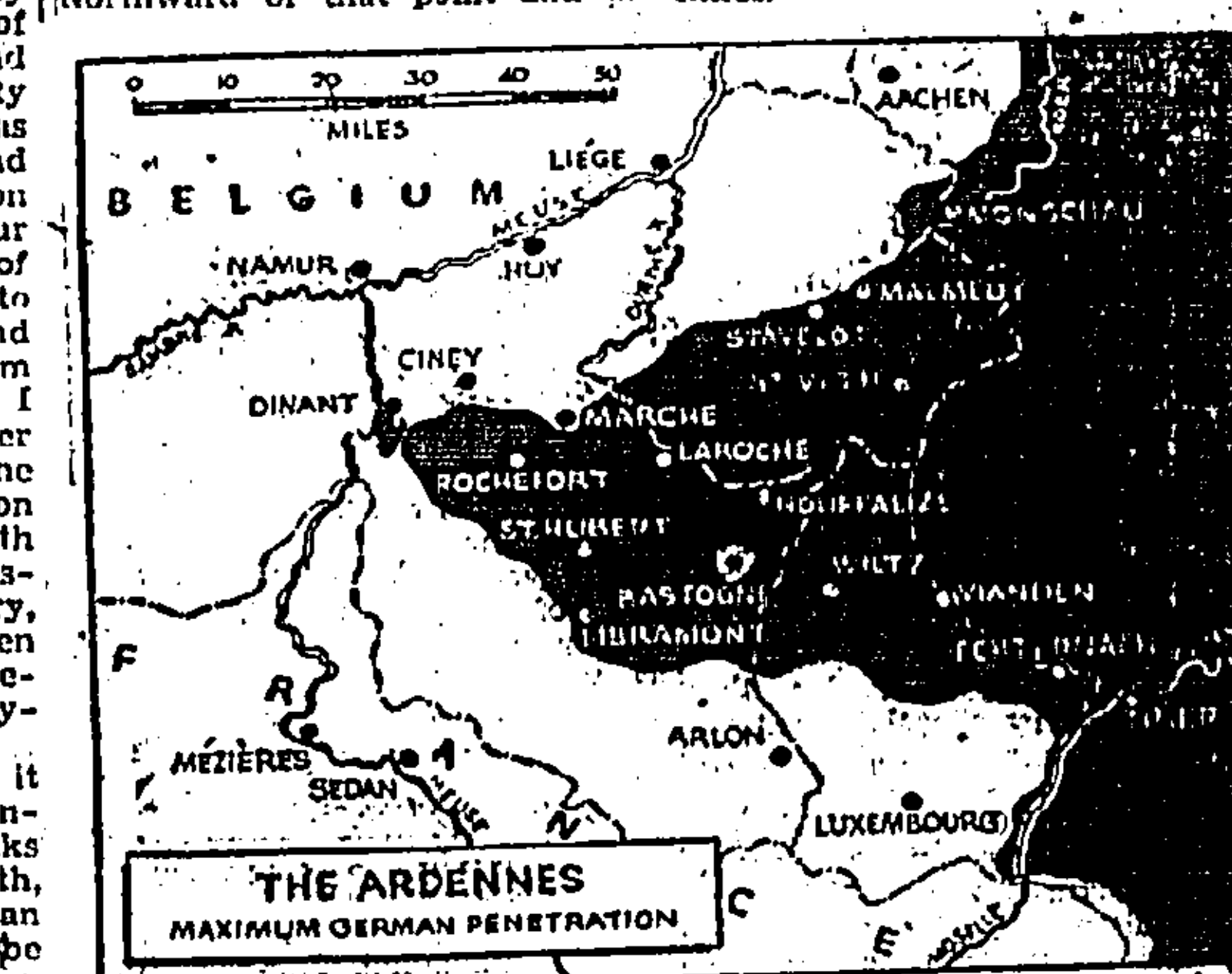
We discussed the advisability of attempting to organize a simultaneous attack somewhat farther to the East, against the Southern shoulder of the salient. It was concluded that future events might indicate the desirability of such a move, but that for the moment we should, in that locality, merely insure the safety of the shoulder and confine our attacks to the sector indicated.

The directive issued at Verdun on December 19 established the outline of the plan for counter-attacks on the Southern flank and was not thereafter varied. When Patton issued his own attack order, he, as was customary with him, set an "impossibly distant objective" for his forces. However, his plans made that morning. Had that pocket not existed, the French Army could easily have held the line of the Rhine from the Swiss border Northward to the Saar region, which would have released all of the American Seventh Army for employment Northward of that point and so

Strasbourg question was, however, to plague me throughout the duration of the Ardennes battle.

By the night of the nineteenth, at headquarters at Versailles, reports showed that the German attack was making rapid progress through the centre of the salient and that the spearheads of the attack continued to swing to the Northwest. The direction of the attack seemed more and more to indicate that the German plan was to cross the Meuse somewhere West of Liege and from there we thought "after surrounding Liege—to continue North-Westward to get on the main line of communications of all our forces North of the breakthrough. The Northern flank was obviously the dangerous one and the fighting continued to mount in intensity. Moreover, it appeared likely that the German might attempt secondary and supporting attacks still farther to the North in an effort to disperse our forces and accomplish a double envelopment of our entire Northern wing. The Intelligence Division had some evidence that such supporting attacks were planned by the enemy.

The German attack had quickly gained the popular name of "Battle of the Bulge," because of the rapid initial progress made by the heavy assault against our weakly held lines, with a resulting penetration into our front that reached a maximum depth of some 50 miles.



provided much greater strength for Patton's attack. However, the Colmar pocket stood as a threat to our forward line. The East of the Vosges and it was consequently unwise and dangerous to take from that area all the troops that otherwise could have been spared.

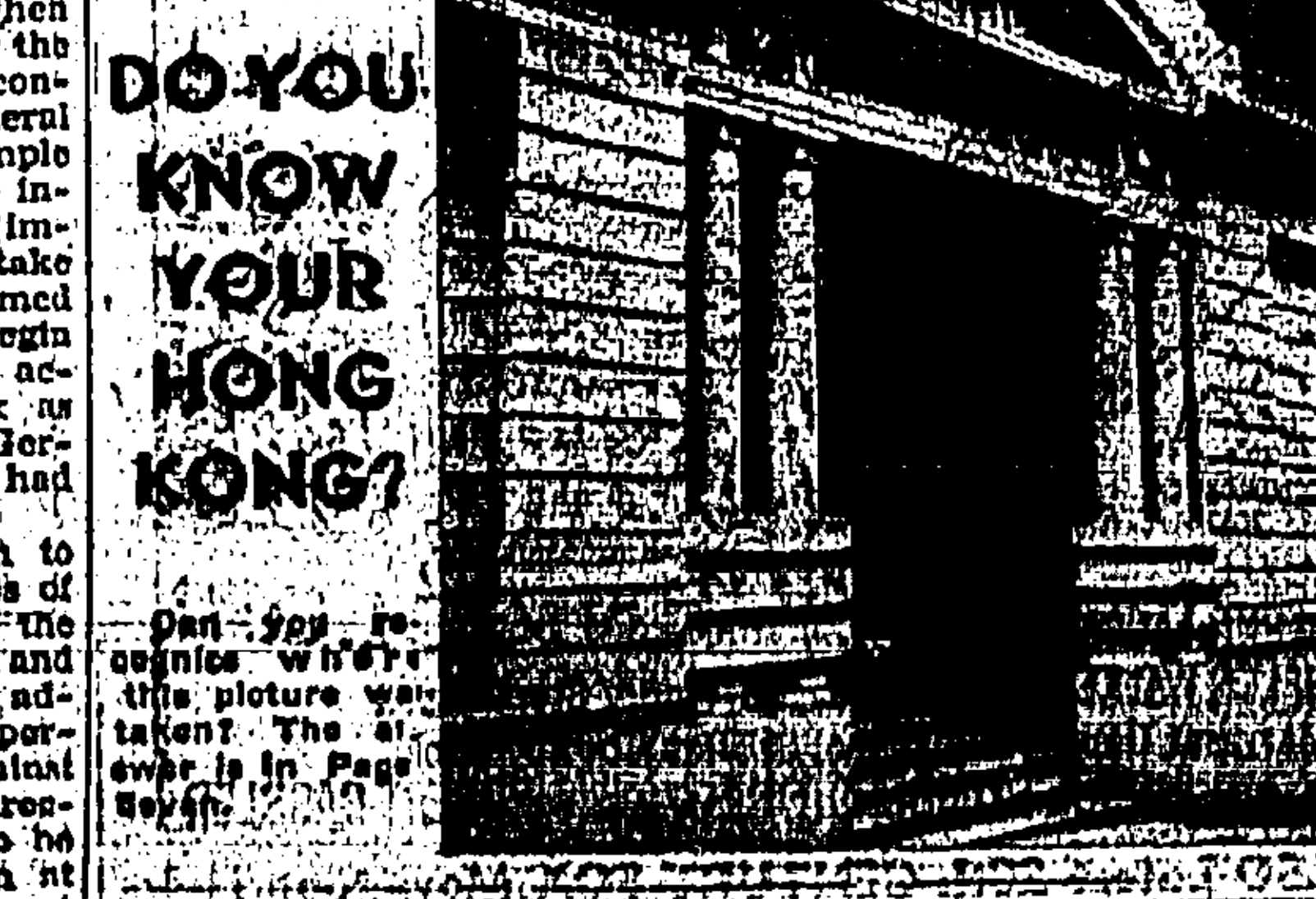
Devers was instructed to give up any forward salient in his area that would permit saving troops and in case of an attack to give ground slowly on his Northern flank, even if he had to move completely back to the Vosges. The Northern Alsace plain was of no immediate value to us. I was at that time quite willing to withdraw on Devers' front if necessary, all the way to the Eastern edge of the Vosges. But I would not allow the Germans to re-enter those mountains, and this line was definitely laid down as the one that must be held on Devers' front.

These instructions were of course communicated to the French Army, since they implied the possibility of retrograde movement, and it is because of this that the city of Strasbourg might have to be temporarily abandoned. The French commander eventually relayed this information to Paris, where it caused great concern in military and governmental circles. General Juin, Chief of Staff of the French Army, came to me and urged all-out defence of Strasbourg. I told him that at that moment I could not guarantee the city's security but would not give it up unnecessarily. The

This kind of battle places maximum strain upon an army in the field, from the highest general to the last private in the ranks. Its destructive moral effect falls most heavily, of course, upon the troops units that are struck by the attack. Confronted by overwhelming power, and unaware of the measures that their commanders have in mind for moving to their support, the soldiers in the front lines, suffering all the dangers and risks of actual contact, inevitably experience confusion, bewilderment, and discouragement.

In a different way, the pressure upon higher commanders is equally great. No matter how confident they may be of their ultimate ability to foil the enemy and even to turn the situation into a favourable one, there always exists the danger, when the enemy has the initiative, of something going wrong. The history of war is replete with instances where a sudden, unexpected change of weather, or some other unforeseen circumstance has defeated the best-laid plans and brought severe rather than victory. It would be idle and false to pretend that the Allied forces, in all echelons, did not suffer strain and worry throughout the first week of the Ardennes attack. It would be equally false to overemphasize the extent and the effect.

No responsible individual in war is ever free of mental strain; in battles such as the one initiated by the German attack in the Ardennes, this reaches a peak. But in a well-trained combat force,



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PRINCESS AND THE
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So Rita Hayworth is to marry her prince. At least, as soon as she is divorced from his present wife.

Thus ends, presumably, the sordid few months' publicity of the romance between the beautiful Hollywood star and the fabulously wealthy Indian aristocrat. From the time when two London Sunday newspapers denounced their association, guardians of public morality from clergyman to lecturer have added their recriminations on the pair who, while unmarried, dared to travel the world on the same steamers, trains and planes. No attacker, to our knowledge, has openly suggested they were breaking the sixth Christian commandment, but the inference has been there, and the only surprising thing is that the persons criticised have not set out on an orgy of international libel actions.

Had all this happened in the reign of the good Queen Victoria, one might not have been surprised, but for at least three decades it has been accepted by Western society that two people of opposite sexes, not married to each other, might nevertheless be capable of leaving home on holiday or business jaunts without the previously-mentioned ordinance being contravened. Even the most worthy fledglings of middle class families might depart together for their holidays, whether engaged or not, without Suburbia being scandalised to its backbone of Maple's furniture.

Possibly a film star cannot do as others do, in spite of the popular rumour that Hollywood is a hotbed of immorality. But to us it looks more like one of those all too instinctive reactions to mixed marriages—or even more likely, in an age of impoverishment and post-war austerity, a malicious envy of a wealthy young couple who can afford to gab about the world without apparent responsibilities.

Be that as it may, more than one neutral observer will sympathise with Prince Aly's wish recorded yesterday, that after the marriage "private affairs will be treated with the habitual consideration which is accorded to the private affairs of people in general."

Victoria in Absentia

One might not think it from past records, but we would not be surprised if the Hong Kong administration is showing remarkable foresight, or if you like, anticipation, of future antiquarians' welfare.

Since the first world war, most of us have regarded the exteriors of Victorian buildings and designers as eyesores, subjects for amusement or bilious distaste. The stone structure in Statue Square which formerly housed one of the thousands of Queen Victoria is in the most execrable tradition, and the news that it was to be pulled down was hailed on almost every side with relief. As we write, however, the erection is being carefully removed prior to being shored piece by piece, with the idea apparently that it may be re-constructed elsewhere at a later date.

As we say, future generations may find such preserved relics of comparable artistic merit to the era of Frazer and company, but in the meantime we do implore the authorities to consult residents living near the intended new site before the tortured piece of masonry is imposed on their hitherto planeless area.

Developments were closely examined and analysed all during December 17 and 18. By the night of the eighteenth I felt we had sufficient information of the enemy's strength, intentions and situation, and of our own capabilities, to lay down a specific plan for our counter-attack. On the early morning of December 19, accompanied by Air Chief Marshal Tedder and a small group of staff officers, I went to Verdun, where General Bradley, Patton, and Devers had been ordered to meet me. As the conference started, with everyone around a long table, I remarked: "The present situation is to be regarded as one of opportunity for us and not of disaster. There will be only cheerful news at this conference."

General Patton broke out with, "Hell, let's have the guts to let them go all the way to Paris. Then we'll really cut 'em off and chew them up." Everyone, including Patton, smiled at this one, but I replied that the enemy would never be allowed to cross the Meuse.

The situation was carefully reviewed and it was gratifying to find that every man present, whether a commander or staff officer, was cool and confident. I did not hear any remark that indicated hysteria or excessive fear.

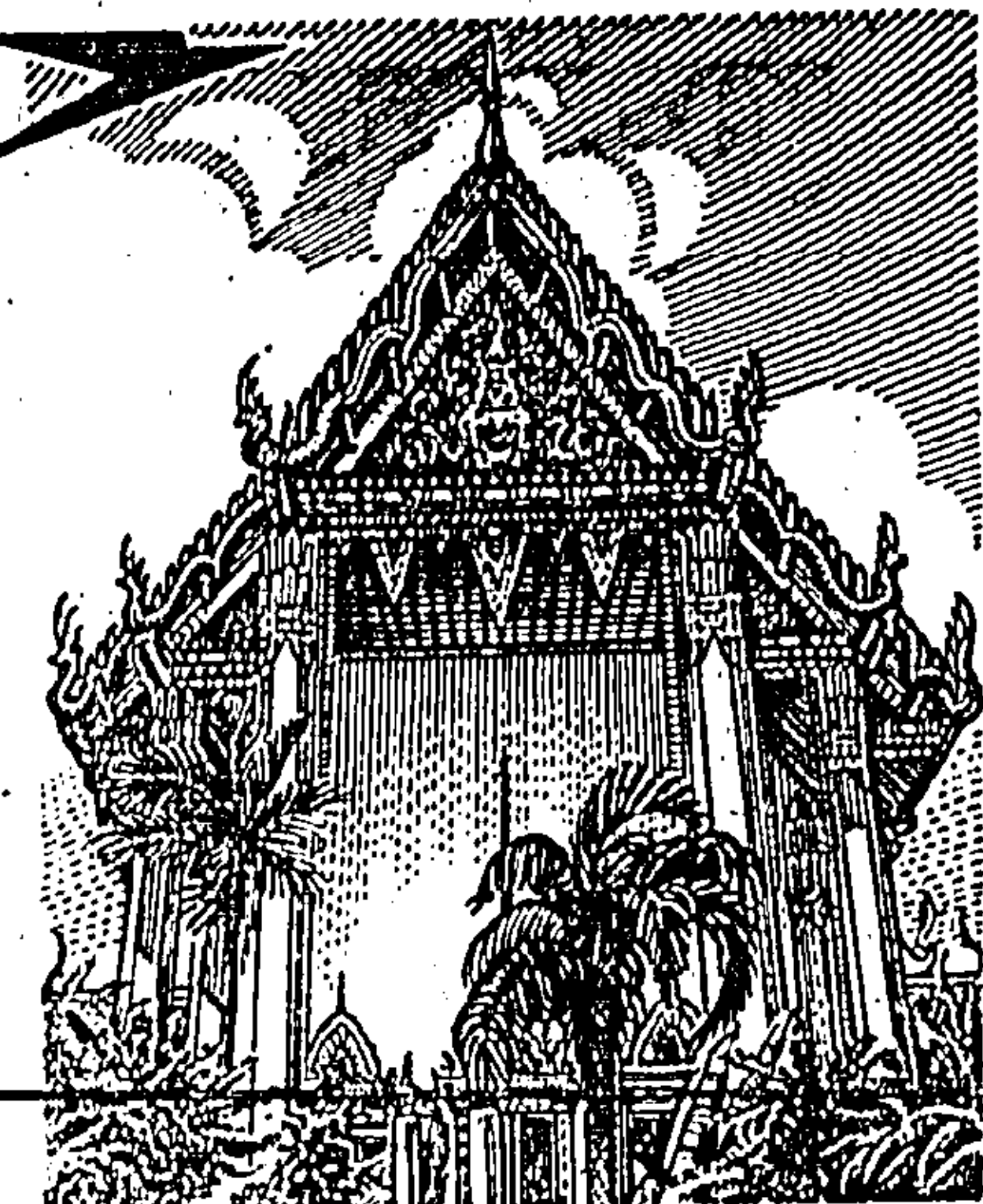
In a situation of this kind there are normally two feasible lines of reaction for the defending forces, assuming that the high command does not become so frightened as to order a general retreat along the whole front. One is merely to build up a safe defensive line around the general area under attack, choosing some strong features, such as a river, on which to make the stand. The other is for the defender to begin attacking as soon as he can assemble the necessary troops. I chose the second, not only because in the strategic sense we were on the offensive, but because I firmly believed that by coming out of the Siegfried Line the enemy had given us a great opportunity which we should seize as soon as possible. This was in my mind when I radioed Montgomery on the nineteenth, saying: "Our weakest spot is in direction of Namur. The general area is to plug the holes in the North and South." The following day I was more specific in another message to him: "Please let me have your personal appreciation of the situation on the North flank with reference to the possibility of giving up, if necessary, some ground in order to shorten our line and collect a strong reserve for the purpose of destroying the enemy in Belgium."

I had already determined that it was not essential for our counter-attack to begin on both flanks simultaneously. In the North, where the weight of the German attack was falling, we would be on the defensive for some days. But on the South we could help the situation by beginning a Northward advance at the earliest possible moment. My immediate purpose at the Verdun meeting on the nineteenth was to make arrangements for the beginning of the Southern assault. It was Bradley's responsibility to outline the exact unit sectors, together with other local details of direction and co-operation. But because Devers' forces would have to extend their left in order to take over a part of Bradley's front and therefore allow him a greater opportunity for concentration, I had to make appropriate decisions, including those of general strength and timing.

We first determined the point to which we believed Devers could stretch his left without exposing the Southern flank in jeopardy. The next problem was to determine the amount of force Patton could gather up for a counter-attack and the approximate time that it could begin. I did not want him to start until he was in sufficient force so that, once committed, he could continue gradually to crush the Southern flank of the developing salient. Once this was done, the German troops West of our point of attack would be effectively stopped, because East-West communications through the region were relatively meagre. We estimated that Patton could begin a three-division attack by the morning of December 23, possibly by the twenty-second.

I issued verbal orders for these arrangements to be undertaken that "Patton's attack," under Bradley, was to begin no earlier than the twenty-second and no later than the twenty-third. It was agreed further that when Patton's forces had reached the Bassegesse area they would continue on, probably in the general direction of Houffalize. Ample air support was promised to improve so that planes could take the air. Moreover, I informed the "weather" that would begin an arrangement for offensive action on the Northern flank as quickly as the force of the German blow in that sector had spent itself.

It was arranged for Patton to concentrate his attacking corps at Bastogne, a town in the general vicinity of Arlon and from that point to begin the advance toward Bassegesse. I personally cautioned him against piecemeal attack and gave directions that the advance was to be methodical and sure. Patton first did not seem to comprehend



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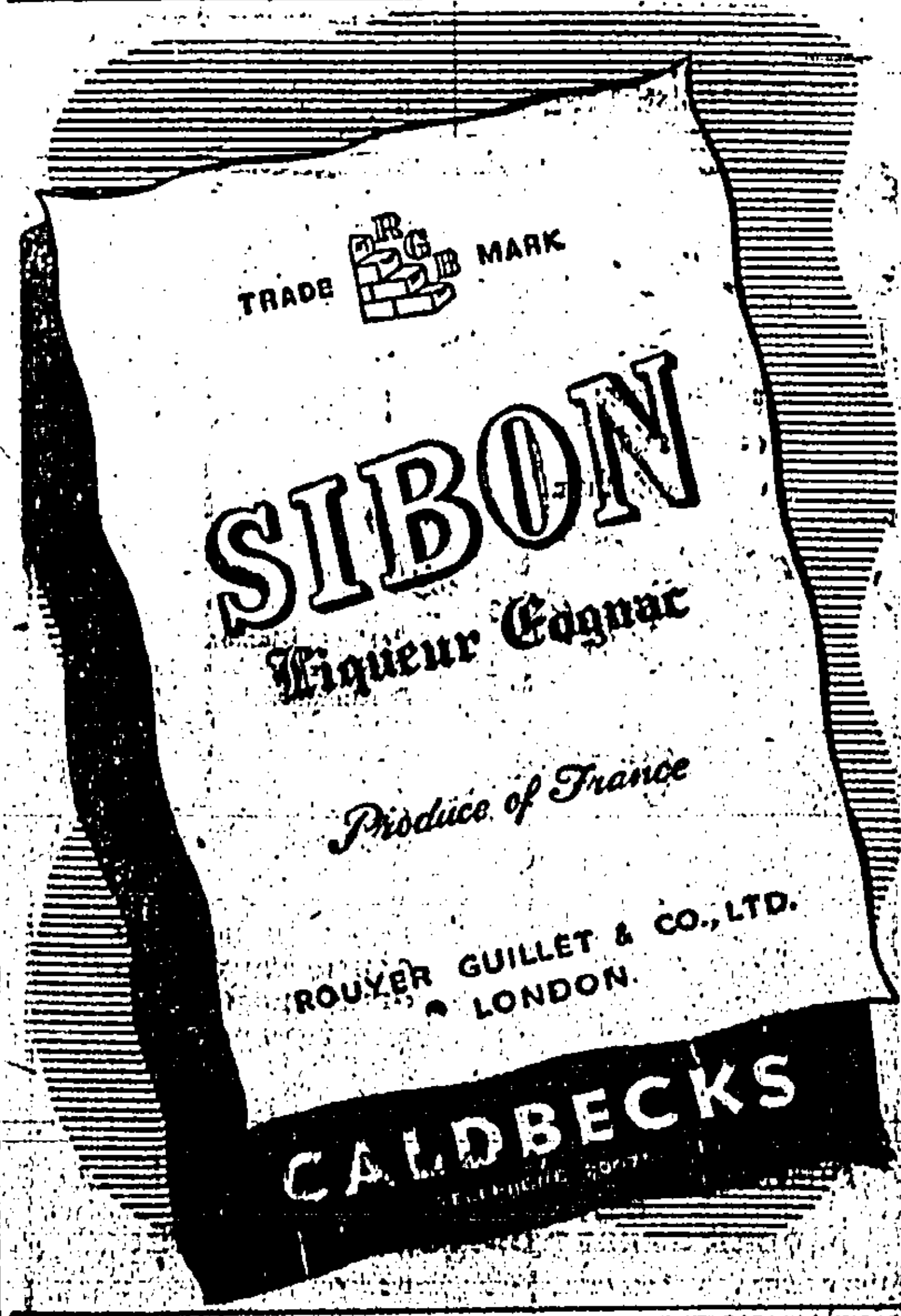
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COMMONS TO DEBATE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE

Mr. Ernest Bevin Replies To Queries On Palestine RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

London, January 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, yesterday headed off a House of Commons' debate on his Palestine policy with an assurance that Britain plans no aggressive action to support her Arab Allies.

Mr. Winston Churchill, veteran conservative leader, and the Communist, Willie Gallacher, both pressed for British recognition of Israel.

Mr. Bevin replied that recognition of a de facto government is not an easy matter.

National Service Call Up

London, January 18. About 150,000 young Britons will be called up for National Service this year, it was announced when the House of Commons met after the Christmas recess.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, said that there will be four registrations for National Service this year, and the call-up age will remain unchanged, at a little above 18 years and three months. The registrations take place on February 26, May 21, September 3 and December 2.

Mr. Isaacs said that he will announce further registrations and any change in the age of call-up in 1950 as early as he can in order to give young men the longest possible notice.

Facilities will be given to those who desire to start service at 18 to enable them to complete service in time for subsequent civil activity.

No decision on the age of call-up for 1950 has been, or can be, taken until the requirements of the Services are known. Making a guess, Mr. Isaacs thought about 150,000 young men will be called up under the scheme in 1949.—Reuter.

"There is another part of the world—Indonesia—where the whole question of de facto recognition has been treated very seriously," he said.

Mr. Bevin won from his angry Parliamentary critics a reluctant agreement to defer a full dress debate on the Middle East problem until next week. Then he will face challenges of every political shade, including a large bloc in his own Labour Party, who seem determined to unsettle him.

A public discussion of the issue now, Mr. Bevin contended, may imperil Egyptian-Jewish armistice talks under way at Rhodes. "We have been using all our influence in conjunction with the United States," Mr. Bevin said, "in the hope of arriving at a complete armistice between the Jews and the Arabs."

Cyprus Decision

Mr. Bevin announced that the British Government is prepared to allow Jews of military age detained in Cyprus to leave as soon as the Jews provide transport for them. The Government has been able to do this because of the more favourable situation which has now arisen, he added.

Mr. Bevin went on: "As the Rhodes negotiations make progress, the Government will carefully watch them and we shall take further steps as may be necessary in the hope of facilitating peace and understanding."

He hopes to be able to make a fuller statement next week.

Mr. Winston Churchill said the Opposition will have to ask for a debate next week. He said: "The House must not be prevented from discussing matters of real and burning interest by vague statements of great importance that are on the way and important and delicate discussions that are going on."

Criticism By Churchill

Mr. Churchill said: "I do not think that the statement made by Mr. Bevin of the release of Jews numbers, or considerable numbers, of Jewish immigrants of fighting age from Cyprus in order that they should join the Jewish forces in Palestine fits in very well with the drastic military action which he has taken in other directions."

Mr. Churchill asked: "Is he not reinforcing both sides at once?" Mr. Churchill also envisaged a debate on some precise motion such as the actual orders given to the British aeroplanes which were tossed away the other day.

Mr. Bevin replied: "I would like to explain without going into details that in nearly all this business I have been handicapped by arrangements with other people."

"While I have no desire to preserve my reputation, I am very interested in doing things to get peace."

Aqaba Move

Replying to Mr. Clement Davies, leader of the Liberals, Mr. Bevin said he would deprecate discussing details which led to the Trans-Jordan Government's asking for the stationing of British forces in Aqaba.

"The British Government takes the view that under the treaty this was a request we could not refuse in the light of all the circumstances and events at that moment."

"As these troops were sent to Transjordan territory and no troops have been sent to Palestine, there was no obligation on us to seek the assent of the Security Council."

Mr. Bevin added: "Our future action will be determined by our treaty obligations and United Nations decisions."

"We have no obligations or intention to engage in any offensive or aggressive action. We hope that the truce which now exists will be maintained and that no further questions of military operations will arise."

Mr. Churchill later asked whether a British representative to the de facto Government

Lord Inchcape Optimistic

Shanghai, January 19. Lord Inchcape, senior partner of Mackinnon Mackenzie, expressed optimism regarding the future of Shanghai in a press conference.

"I share the optimism of people here about this place," he said. "Shanghai is a very important port serving a wealthy-producing area, and trade is bound to continue here although deteriorating international transportation conditions may delay its full recovery."

Lord Inchcape is on a tour of inspection of Far Eastern branches.—Reuter.

Recognition Of Israel

Mr. Bevin replied that recognition is now under discussion and added: "You cannot take one State in an isolated way. There is the question of another part of the world where the whole matter of this de facto recognition could create very serious trouble—Indonesia—and very great difficulties for sovereignty and all the rest of it."

Replying to further questions, Mr. Bevin stated: "My policy since I have been in office has always been that these cases will never be settled unless it is by agreement between the two parties."

"I have been trying to get the negotiations going. There will be no need to move any troops if both sides now keep the truce. I shall be against either side if it breaks the truce."

A Jewish Labour Member, Mr. Sidney Silverman, asked why British troops were sent to Aqaba when Israeli troops had not gone into Transjordan.

Mr. Bevin replied that there was very grave danger of one point.

"I do not want to say any more today and unless you provoke me I won't say any more."

The House then passed to the next business.

Critics' Dilemma

The general Parliamentary reaction to the Foreign Secretary's replies is that his handling of the situation has confronted Labour critics of his Palestine policy with a dilemma.

Political quarters consider that today's test of the reaction of Parliament as a whole will greatly strengthen the hands of the Labour Party leaders in measures to contain any potential challenge within the Party's ranks.

In Parliament, the effect was seen in the conciliatory exchange of views between the Opposition leader, Mr. Churchill, the Liberal leader, Mr. Davies, and the Government spokesman on arrangements for a debate next week.

There was no sign of the angry clamour for an immediate discussion which might otherwise have developed.—Reuter.

ss. Chusan Coming Out Next Year

London, January 18. The new P. & O. 24,000-ton liner Chusan, the largest and fastest of the company's Far Eastern fleet, will make her first run to Singapore in the spring of 1950, her owners estimated in London today.

The builders, Vickers Armstrong, of Barrow-in-Furness, gave the end of June as a tentative date for her launching on the Tyne.

The price of the Chusan has not been officially stated by the builders or the owners, and probably will not be announced until the launching, but the cost of building ships of this class at present prices is estimated in the region of £2,500,000.

The new liner revives a traditional and historical name in the line. The first Chusan, built in 1832, became famous as the first steamer to open up the Australian mail service via Singapore. A second was launched in 1884.—Reuter.

Talks With Bao Dai Nearing Success

Canas, January 19.

France appears on Tuesday to be near final success in her efforts to get Bao Dai to return to his throne in Indo-China.

France hopes that his return as Emperor of Annam will end the costly two-year-old civil war in the Far Eastern colony.

A person close to the ex-Emperor predicts that Bao Dai will return by February 9, new year's day for the Annamites.

Equally optimistic are sources close to M. Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, who has been conferring here with Bao Dai.

France has always promised to give Indo-China limited independence within the French Union.

Negotiations have hitherto broken down over such details as whether Indo-China can have its own armed forces and own diplomats abroad.

France is generally believed to have made important concessions to Bao Dai because she feels that Indo-China may be soon outflanked by the Communist armies in China.

Broad Accord

Communist-trained Ho Chi Minh is the leader of the Vietnamese Nationalists who have been fighting the French in the jungles since 1945.

France hopes that her concessions, plus the personality of Bao Dai, will lead Ho Chi Minh's troops to abandon their guns.

The Chinese Communists, the French believe, may give the Vietnamese both material and moral support that will encourage Ho Chi Minh to fight on in the belief that he can kick the French out entirely.

M. Pignon has left for Paris where negotiations will resume on Friday.

"We are in broad accord on all the questions examined," said a friend of Bao Dai.

The drafting of agreements making Vietnam an associate State of the French Union will be continued on Friday.

Xuan's Toast

An associate of the ex-Emperor said: "We have reached general

agreement on all questions examined, and we are very optimistic as to the final outcome of the talks."

At a lunch in Paris today attended by M. P. Coste-Floret, Minister of Overseas France, and M. Emile Bollaert, former French High Commissioner in Indo-China, General Nguyen Van Xuan, head of the Provisional General Government of Vietnam, gave a toast to the French Union, "to which independent Vietnam is going to adhere in a more real manner."

Associated Press and Reuter.

U.K. Claim Against Albanians

The Hague, January 19.

Sir Frank Soskice, British Solicitor-General, demanded before the International Court of Justice today that Albanians pay £875,000 damages to Britain for breaking international law in the Corfu Channel case.

The case concerns the two British destroyers which struck mines in the Corfu Channel on October 22, 1946. Thirty-eight officers and ratings were killed and 45 others wounded.

Sir Frank claimed that damages suffered by the British were £750,000 for damage to the British destroyer Saumarez, £75,000 for damage to the British destroyer Volage and £50,000 compensation of the pensions and other expenses incurred by the United Kingdom Government in respect of death and insurance of naval personnel.—Associated Press.

SEX WORDS GIVE BBC HEADACHE

Birmingham, January 18.

British Broadcasting Corporation officials sat in judgment today on the recording of a script which contains sex words never before used on radio.

On their decision depends whether 18,000,000 listeners will learn the whole story of ductless glands or only their functions in "safe" areas.

The script is part of a series on scientific subjects called "Look Ahead." It was written in consultation with leading scientists and all facts have been checked.

However, the problem is how much of the work of ductless glands is fit for family consumption and development because of the importance of glands in reproduction. Even the scientific words for certain glands caused the BBC misgivings.

It was decided, therefore, to empanel the executives to listen to the recording and decide whether the words in question ought to be eliminated.

The Midlands programme director, who ordered the script, says it describes the effect of glands and hormones and points out that new techniques mark the way to the day when women of 60 may be able to have children.

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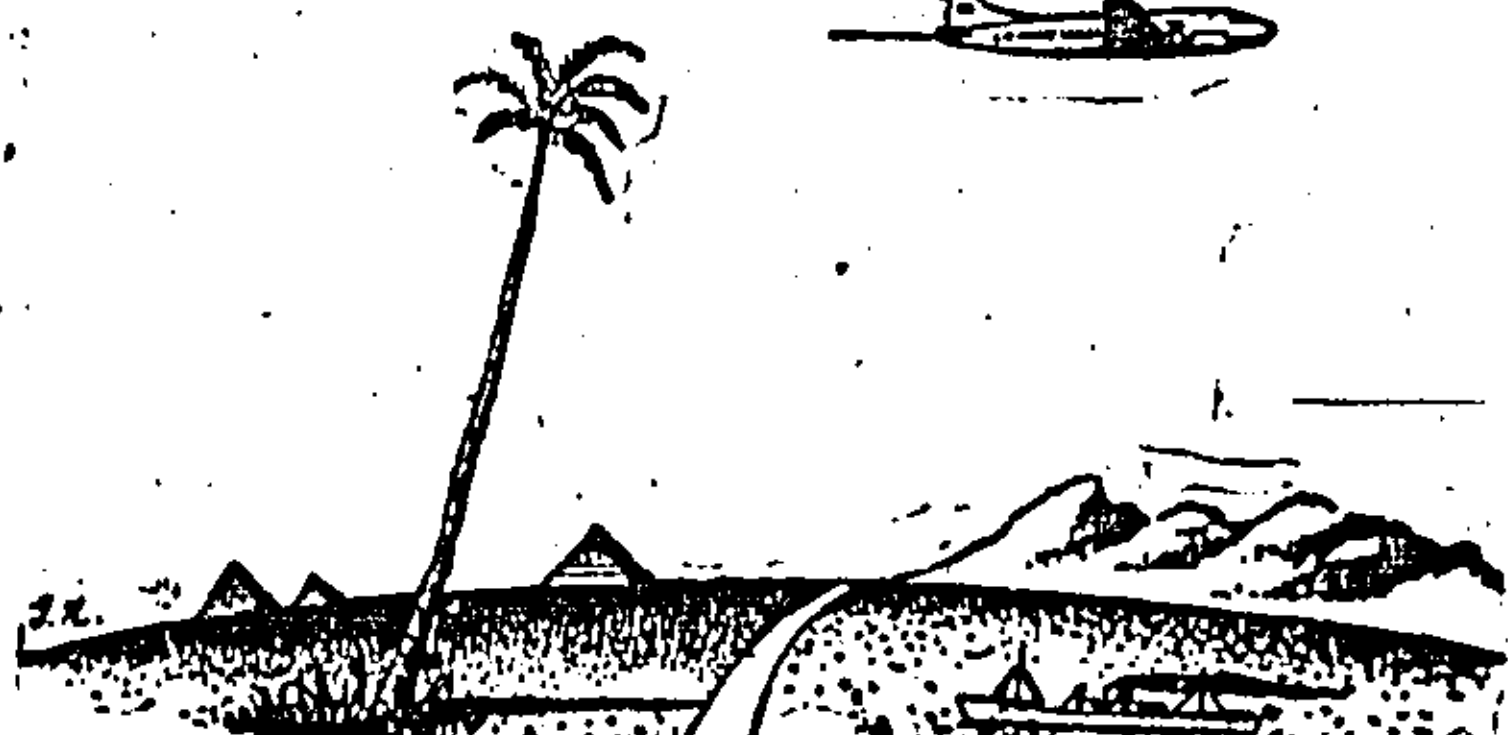
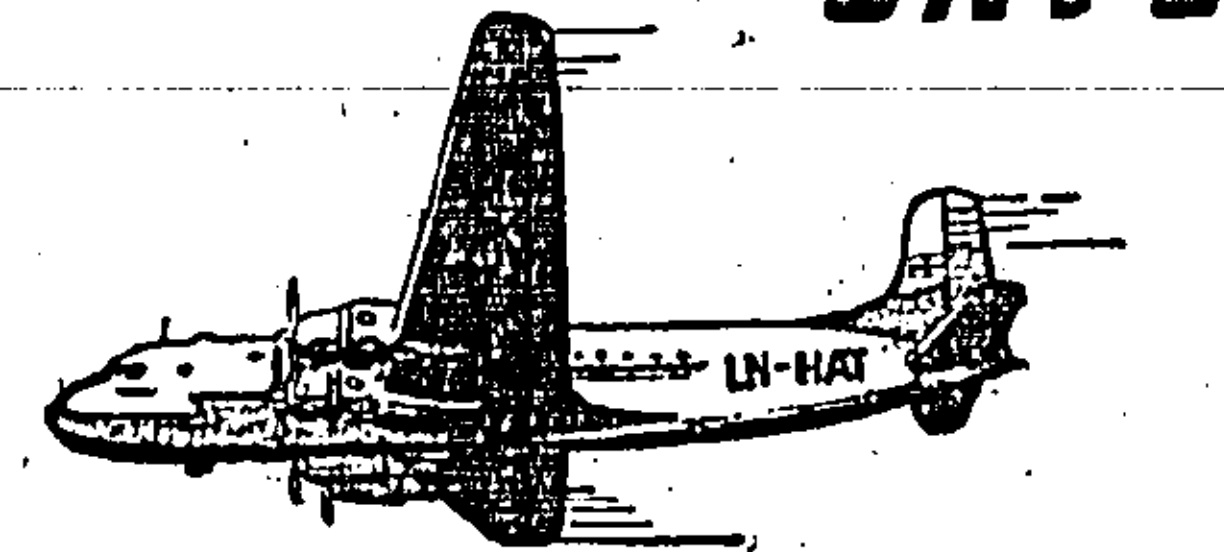


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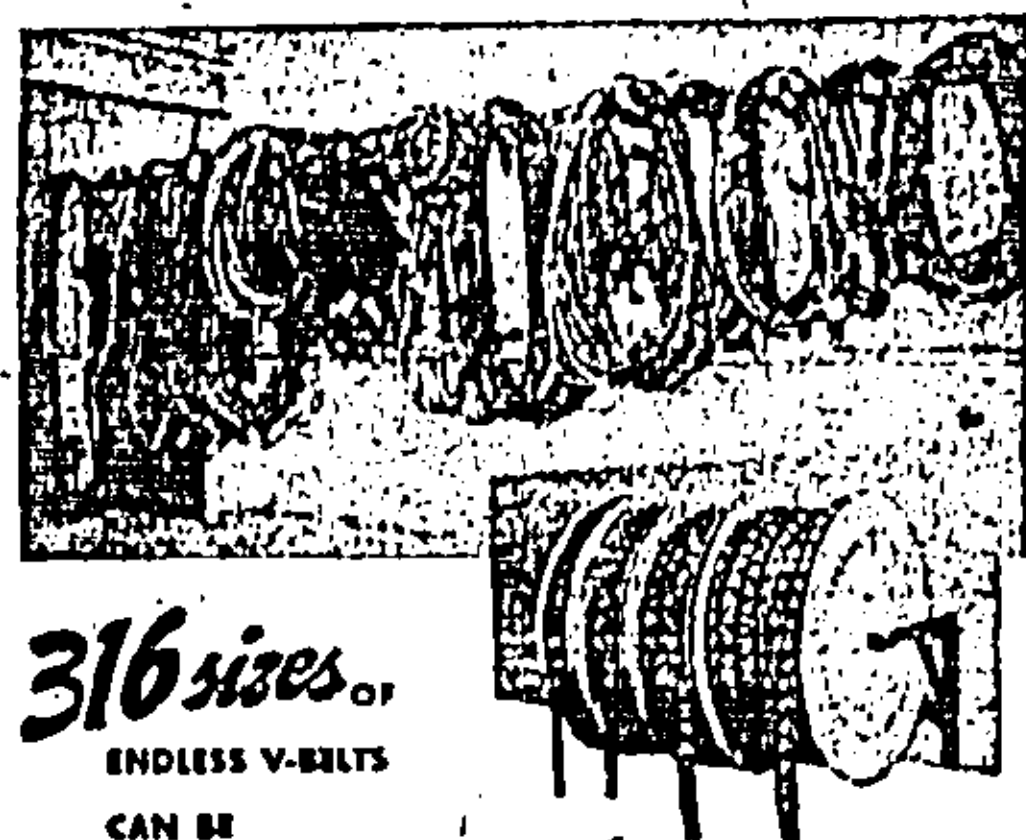
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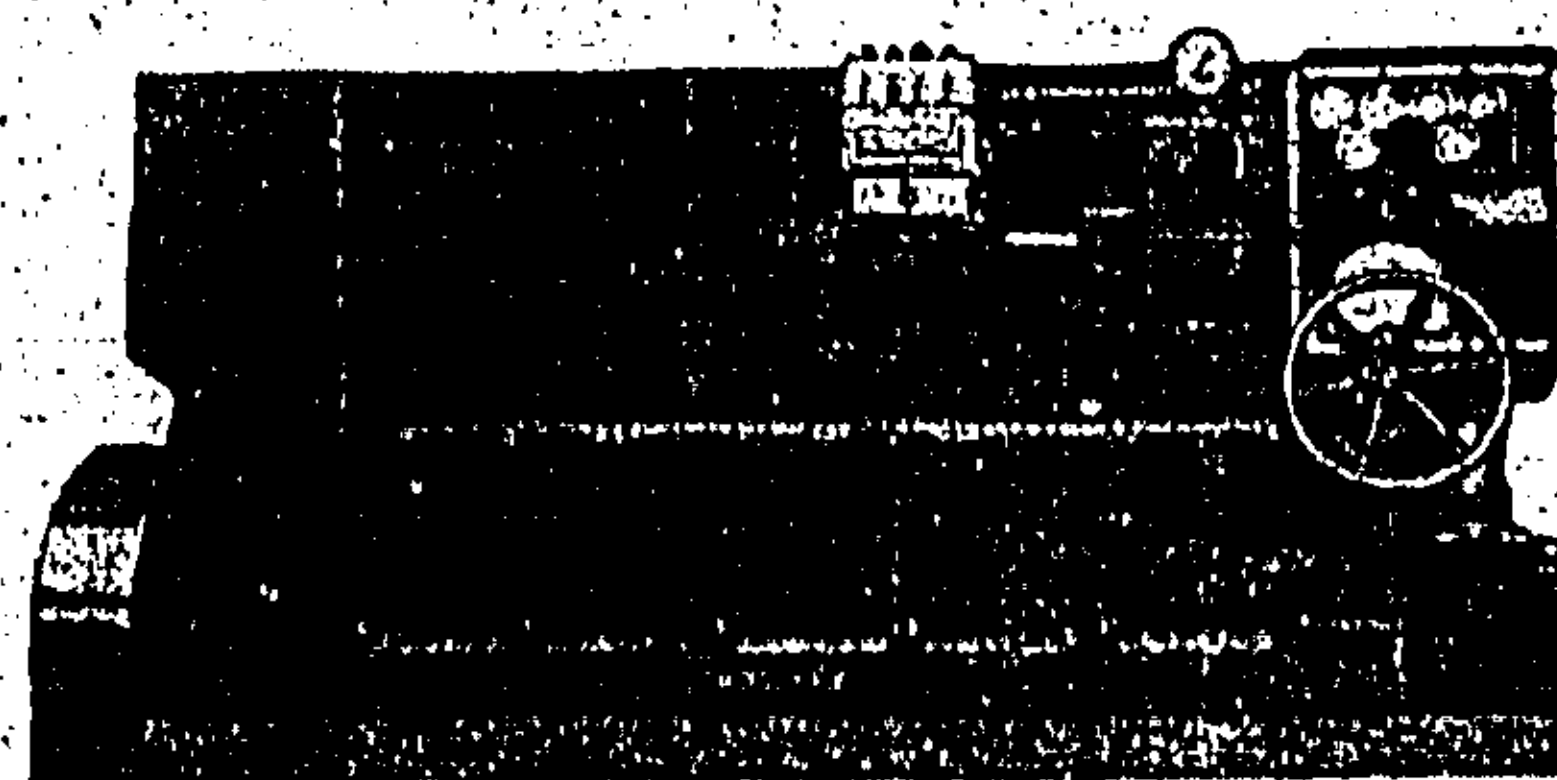
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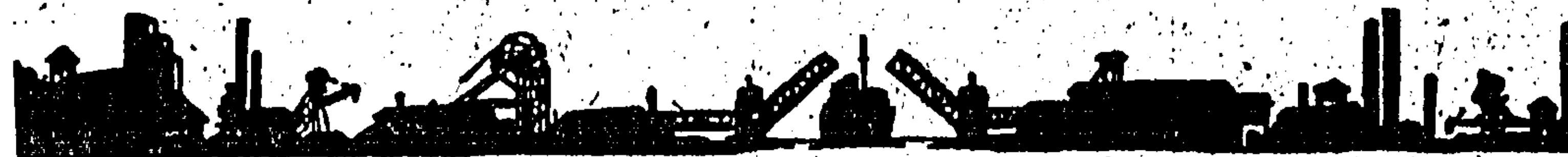
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ENGINEERING PAGE BRITISH ENGINEER DEVELOPS WIRELESS SET WITHOUT WIRES

The inside of an ordinary radio receiver is a long way from living up to the name "wireless set" by which it is often known. Under the metal frame, or chassis, there is a complicated network of wires connecting the various components together. Each wire necessitates the making of at least two soldered joints—one at either end—and in a medium-sized receiver there may be 100 or more of these.

All of these joints have to be made by hand when the set is being assembled, and this is a relatively expensive process. Another thing about the set under examination is that it consists of a large number of parts, or components, such as valveholders, coils, condensers and resistors, each of which must be separately made and mounted on the chassis.

By means of his electronic set-making apparatus, Mr. John Sargrove has succeeded in eliminating from the radio receiver all connecting wires, all hand-made joints and nearly all separately made components. In his process, now operating with completely successful results, the making, mounting and linking up of components are carried out automatically and simultaneously by an ingenious machine.

A plastic "blank" is fed by an operator into one end of the machine. A second operator receives it as it emerges on a conveyor belt at the other end of the machine. But it is no longer a blank. It is a complete panel, containing the components already mentioned, not only made by the machine, but linked by it into the circuits of a radio receiver.

The machine delivers finished panels at the rate of one every 20 seconds.

Besides the two operators there is an electrician, ready to deal with any adjustment that may be needed, but his services are so seldom required that he can supervise two or three machines.

The plastic blank fed into the machine is normally a sheet of insulating material, oblong in shape. Moulded into its upper and under surfaces are grooves and depressions of various sizes and shapes. There are also numerous holes right through the panel. First of all the grooves attract attention. Some are straight, some form zig-zags, some make spirals. The straight grooves, when the panel has passed through the machine, will form the connecting links, the spirals will contain the turns of the coils, the zig-zags will become resistors and the other depressions, round or rectangular in shape, will be turned into condensers. Every such depression on the face of the panel has an exactly corresponding depression at the back, only a thin web of plastic being left between the two. This web constitutes the dielectric of the condenser.

Film Of Zinc

As the panel goes into the first stage of the machine, it is placed between "masks" which cover up the zig-zag grooves, but leave all the rest exposed. When the panel reaches this stage, spray-guns, discharging a mist of molten zinc, are automatically switched into action. The whole of the exposed surfaces, including the grooves and depressions, thus receive a deposit of metallic zinc, which is a good conductor of electricity. The film of zinc is deposited on both faces of the panel.

In the next stage masks cover all save the zig-zag grooves on

both sides of the panel, and "guns" are switched into action which coat these with a thin layer of high resistance alloy. The panel now passes into a further stage of the machine where grinders remove all metal deposits from both surfaces. We are thus left with an insulating panel, on either side of which are grooves and depressions coated with metal. In these grooves, or depressions which form the turns of coils, the plates of condensers or the connecting links, the metal is a good conductor. The zig-zag grooves contain a deposit of metal with a high resistance to current.

Automatic Tests

At this point automatic tests are made to ensure that conductors, insulators and resistors are placed where they should be, and nowhere else. The next process is of special interest. One may wonder how the grooves which correspond to the wires of an ordinary receiver can be made to cross one another without there being any leakage of current between the two. This is accomplished in the following way.

To simplify matters, take the direction of one groove as East-West and that of the other as North-South. On the front of the panel the East-West groove is continuous. The North-South groove comes to an end at a hole a short distance from the East-West groove and restarts at another hole a little way beyond it. Turn the panel over. These two holes are connected on the underside by a metal-filled groove. Tubular rivets are automatically driven through the holes and clinched. Thus the North-South path ducks under the East-West via the rivets and the groove on the underside.

Similar tubular rivets automatically inserted into the remaining holes connect to an end at the other side of the panel. Some, for instance, are arranged in groups to form valveholders. Others provide sockets for the very few components (audio-frequency transformers and so on) which cannot be "grown" on the panel during its passage through the machine.

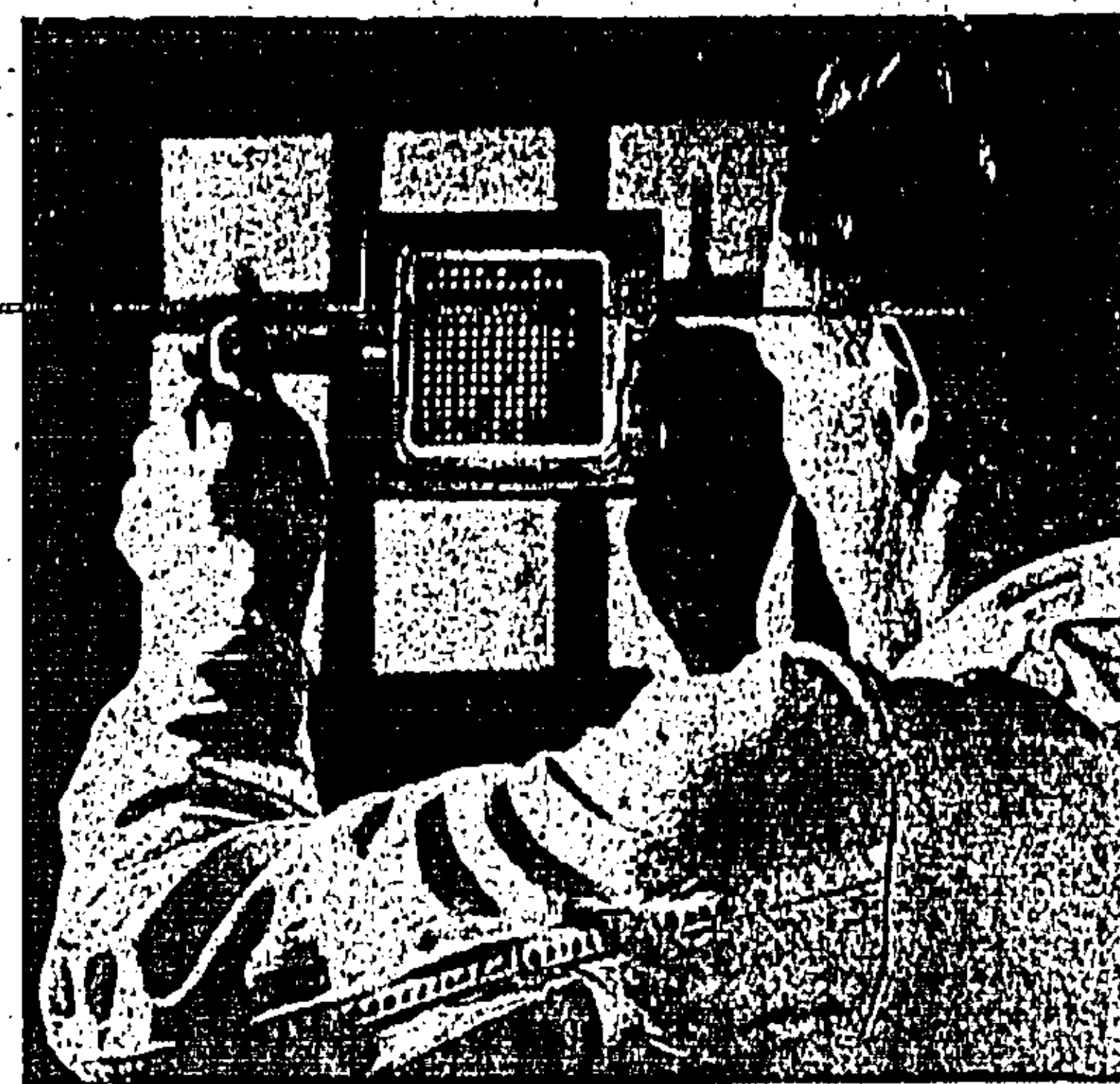
After undergoing further searching tests, all automatically made, the panel is given a protective sprayed-on coating of plastic insulating material and emerges at the output end of the machine complete, save for the valves and the very small number of other parts which are quickly plugged into the sockets waiting for them.

At least two panels are needed to form the "works" of a complete receiving set. But this introduces no difficulty. Near the corners of each panel are sockets (tubular rivets again) for the connections to the next panel. The connections are made by plugging in metal rods, which thus become not only connectors but also distance-pieces between the panels. Nothing now remains to be done but to slide the set into its plastic cabinet and to plug into their respective sockets the connectors of the loudspeaker and of the mains current supply.

Forward Step

Sargrove has made another important forward step in the development of low-priced, mass-produced receivers.

In the sets with which we are familiar valves of different types



A photographic method of type-setting for linking with lithographic or gravure printing. The text is set on an ordinary monotype keyboard, selection being made from a matrix which carries photographic images of the type to be used. This picture shows the photographic matrix which carries the images of a particular front of type.

are used for high-frequency amplification, detection, low-frequency amplification, output, rectification and so on. Sargrove has designed a valve which is capable of performing each of these functions, and this one type is used in all the valveholders of his sets.

Admittedly such a "jack-of-all-trades" valve is not quite so efficient in any position as a valve of a specialised type would be. But it is far cheaper to produce 100,000 valves all of the same kind than to make 20,000 each of five different types. Nor does the efficiency of individual valves matter enormously in a set designed primarily for dealing with a local broadcasting station. What the inventor has accomplished so far is a practical system of mass-producing low-priced receivers more quickly and far more cheaply than by conventional methods. He has no intention of stopping there, for there is no reason why the system should be confined to the small receiver. Within reason, there is no limit to the number of panels, each automatically completed by a machine, that can be combined to build up a large and highly efficient radio receiver. Nor need this remarkable process be limited to the production of radio receivers. Actually, work has been going for some time on the development of television receivers built up of such machine-made panels.

AUSTRALIA BUYS CRANES FROM P.I.

Five huge cranes, purchased by the Joint Coal Board for open-cut mines in Australia are on their way from Manila to Australia. They will complete the order for eleven cranes purchased in the Philippines, the first consignment of which was shipped in August.

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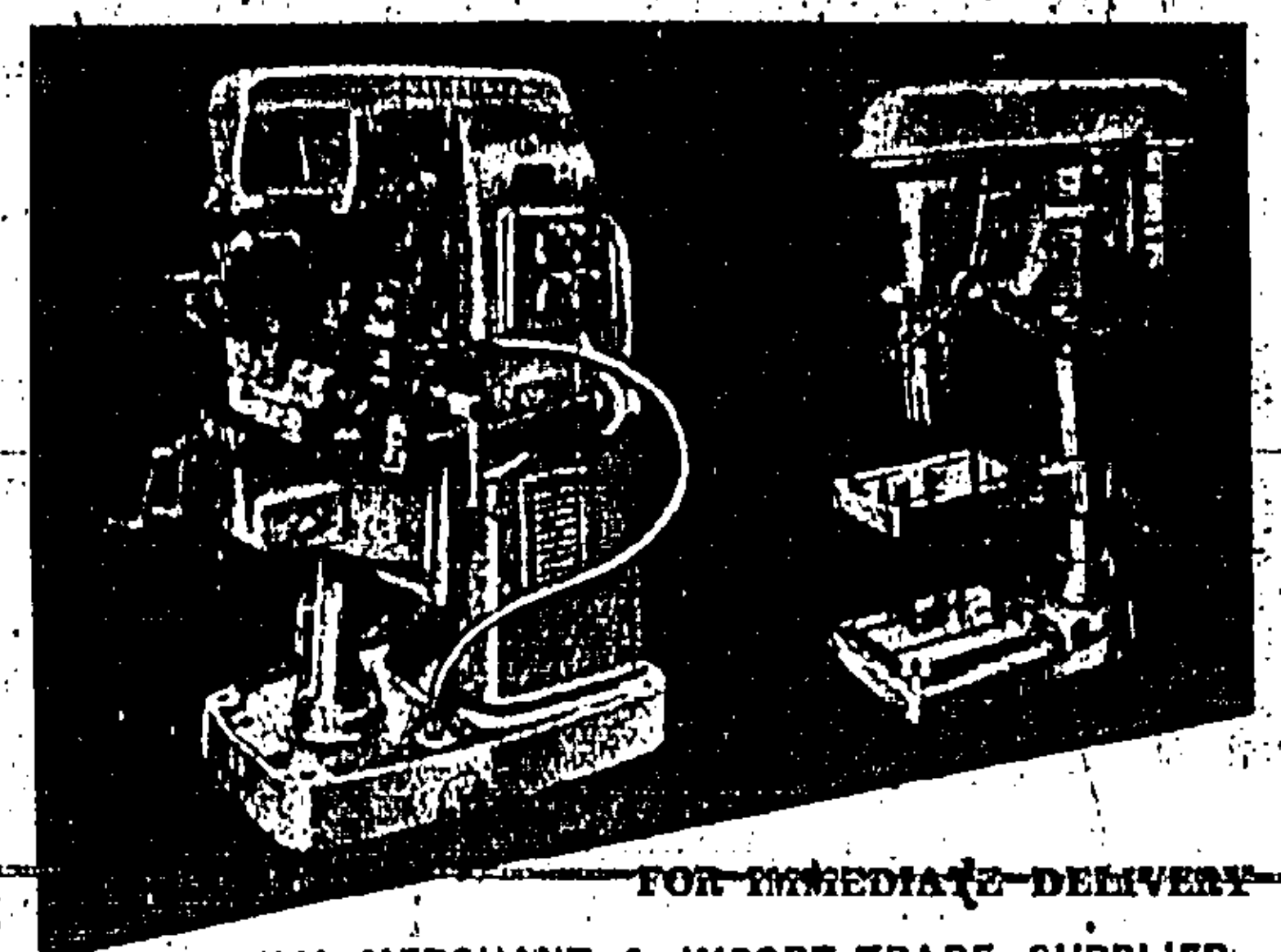
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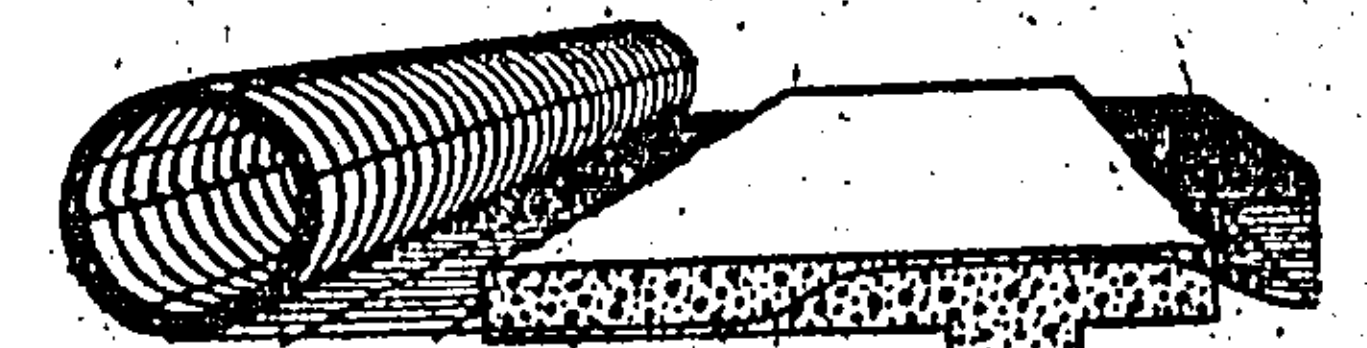
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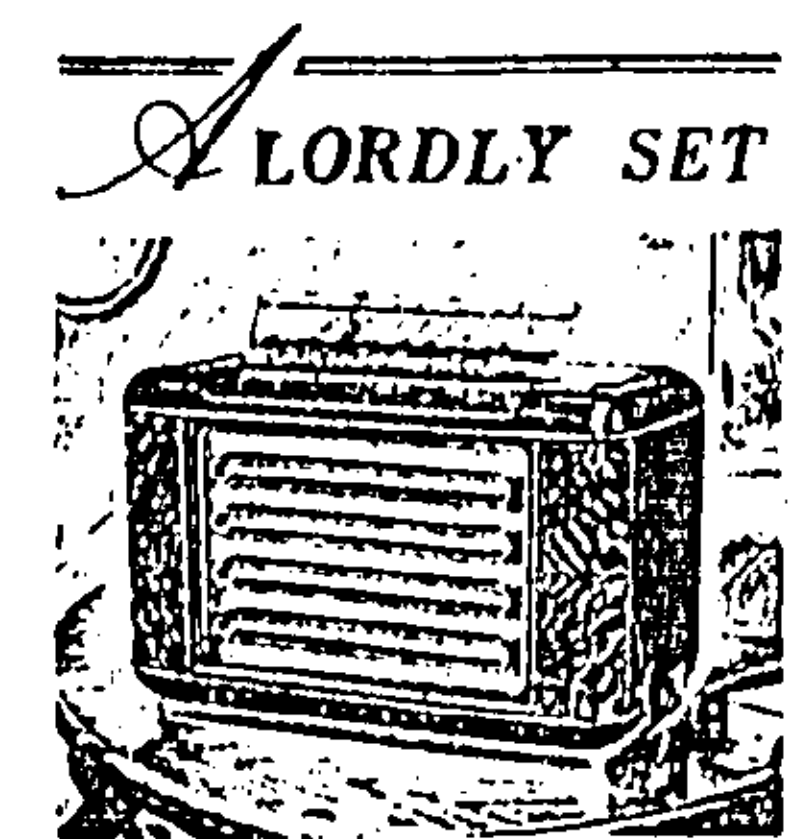
"String" Was Tail Of Mouse

London, January 19. A mouse cooked in with the chipped potatoes cost Frederick Pilling, a Croydon restaurant operator, a £10 fine yesterday. He pleaded guilty to a charge of selling food unfit for human consumption but said he kept a cat in the restaurant and did not know there were any mice around the place.

One girl testified that she found a "piece of string" in her chips but turned a few minutes later that it was the residue of half a mouse another girl found in her potatoes.

"Everyone immediately stopped eating", the prosecutor said.

Pilling's lawyer said that the mouse was "a very small one" and that perhaps it strayed through a ventilator and fell into the chips without being detected. —Associated Press.



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Paris, January 18. Mr. Hugh Dalton, leader of the British delegation, told the six-power European Unity Committee in Paris today that the British Government proposes that Strasbourg, capital of Alsace, be the seat of the proposed "Council of Europe." According to a British delegation member, this is one of the several surprise proposals Mr. Dalton sprang on the Committee.

No official details of the other proposals are available tonight.

It is learned in delegation circles that Mr. Dalton received a very hard and fast brief from Mr. Ernest Bevin to press for maximum powers to the Consultative Council of Ministers, leaving the proposed European Assembly or Parliament with more limited functions than the continental partners of Britain originally wanted.

The new British proposals to the European Unity Committee today were, according to British delegation sources, drawn up following Mr. Bevin's talks with the French Minister, M. Robert Schuman, in London last week.

Mr. Schuman apparently persuaded Mr. Dalton to agree that the Consultative Assembly proposed by the French and the Belgians should have severely restricted powers.

Historic Town

As outlined by one of the continental delegations, Mr. Dalton's proposal provides that the Consultative Assembly should discuss only subjects submitted to it by the Ministers' Council and should have the right merely to make recommendations on them.

Mr. Bevin is believed to have conceived the idea of Strasbourg being the seat of the proposed Council of Europe because of the historic significance of the University town as a centre of Western European civilisation and a link between France and Germany.

These were only two of the several surprise proposals which Mr. Dalton sprang on the Committee.

The French delegation expressed disappointment at the plan put forward by Mr. Dalton. One French delegate said the trend of today's discussion was very bad, but he hoped for an improvement before the end of the session.

It appears probable that the European Unity Committee will not make a unanimous report to the five-power Foreign Ministers' Council, which will meet in London later this month, and that the Foreign Ministers themselves will take the final decision.

The Committee talks lasted one and a half hours. Real business is expected to begin tomorrow.

Norwegians Seize British Trawler

Oslø, January 19. The English trawler "Lord Plender" of Hull has been seized near North Cape by the Norwegian authorities and a Norwegian crew has taken over to bring the ship to Tromsø.

The Norwegians assert that the trawler was inside Norwegian territorial waters. The skipper will be heard by the police on Wednesday. —Associated Press.

SINKS AFTER EXPLOSION

London, January 18. Seven men were lost with the Finnish auxiliary ship "Maj" (107 tons) which exploded and caught fire North of Åland Island in the Gulf of Bothnia in the Baltic. Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence reported today.

Five men were rescued. —Reuters.

Nordic Countries And Talks On Atlantic Defence

Copenhagen, January 18.

Denmark and Norway expect to receive an invitation from the United States this week to take part in the Atlantic Pact discussions in Washington.

This is according to the Copenhagen paper Berlingske Aftenavis, quoting Danish diplomatic circles.

The Danish Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee met again today. A usually reliable source said that the discussions centred on methods of creating a United Scandinavian foreign policy and regional defence pact within the framework of the United Nations.

The Committee heard reports yesterday from the Danish Chiefs of Staff on their recent discussions with their Swedish and Norwegian opposite numbers.

The Swedish Conservative Party leader, Dr. F. Domsge, declared in Stockholm today that Scandinavians can make their surest contribution to world peace through mutually binding co-operation in their own defence, without joining any great powers' pact.

Speaking in the budget debate in the Upper House, he said: "There should be no reason why anyone should refuse us any support which we need."

Mr. Domsge's statement followed enquiries made to the American Ambassador by the Swedish Foreign Minister about what American supplies will be available to an isolated Sweden. The Ambassador said, according to well-informed sources,

that Sweden will get no military supplies and only such non-military goods as are plentiful.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Foreign Minister, Gustav Rasmussen, denied reports (not carried by Reuters) that the Scandinavian countries are considering the possibility of sending their foreign ministers to America for discussions on defence questions.

The Minister said there has not been the slightest suggestion of such a possibility. —Reuters.

Gets Deed For All Celestial Space

Chicago, January 18.

James T. Mangan today filed a claim with the Recorder's Office to ownership of all space in all directions and the Recorder said Mangan will be given a deed.

Mangan does not claim any stars or planets, but merely wants possession of all celestial space.

"I am going to call it Celestia and bar any further 'rocket experiments' he said. "A hundred years from now, thousands of people will be living in space ships and I won't tolerate any trespassing."

He will organise a model nation dedicated to peace in space, he said.

He also plans to operate a cemetery, explaining: "My plans for a celestial cemetery involve freezing the bodies of the deceased and placing them in sodium balls. Then we shoot the balls into space, where they are unaffected by the earth's gravity."

and they will begin to take up motion.

"Eventually, these balls will reflect the sun's rays and will shine like stars or planets from then on."

The United States Army will be trespassing if it carries out the idea of establishing atom bombing bases near the moon, he says, and insists: "That is my property."

Radio waves now travel through space, Mangan added, "but they will have to get permission from me in future."

Mangan filed a deed on January 8 but the County Recorder refused to accept it. The State Attorney, however, wrote a 2,000-word opinion, declaring Mangan's claim is in order and should be admitted. —United Press.

U.S. REDS ON TRIAL

JUDGE MEDINA DENIES MOTIONS BY DEFENCE

New York, January 19.

The second day of the trial of 12 Communist leaders opened yesterday with the defence continuing its arguments in opposition to the Government's motion to proceed with the case.

The defence is also opposing the Government's motion for the severance of the case of William Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party.

Foster is suffering from a heart ailment and unable to attend court.

The 12 were indicted on July 20 last year on charges of conspiring to organise a Communist party in the U.S. for teaching and advocating violent overthrow of the U.S. Government.

Defence counsel again objected strongly to police being stationed around the courthouse but the judge said: "I found when I went to lunch on Monday that I was grateful because I had to have a little assistance to get through the crowds."

He denied motions to remove the police.

Again there were some 400 police around the courthouse but only a few of the public in a nearby park and persons who passed were told by the police to "move on."

Wide Interest

In answer to defence motions on the removal of the police, the judge said: "I do not intend to fight my way through a crowd of being and hearing individuals without proper protection."

The trial is getting the biggest news coverage since the Lindbergh baby kidnapping case trial in 1935.

Sixty-three reporters are accredited and drew lots for permanent seats.

In addition, scores of magazine writers, columnists, cartoonists and newswire, radio and television men are present.

The three major domestic radio and television networks have a special room.

Federal Judge Harold Medina ruled that the trial proceed without Foster.

Defence Objects

Defence lawyers vigorously opposed the Government's plea to continue with the trial despite Foster's absence. They argued that he is indispensable to the presentation of their case.

However, United States Attorney John J. McGohay moved that severance be granted Foster and that the trial of the others be heard.

Judge Medina, after listening to lengthy defence arguments by several counsel, said: "I grant the Government's motion in both respects."

He announced afterwards that he is willing to hear a further defence motion for postponement of the trial. Then he sent home a panel of 125 prospective jurors and directed them to return on Thursday. —Associated Press.

Britain The Leading Shipbuilder

London, January 19.

Lloyd's Shipping Service announces today that more than half the world's shipping under construction is in British shipyards.

The total tonnage under construction in the world amounts to 4,140,816 tons gross. Britain's share of this is 51 per cent or 2,114,730 tons gross.

This is 48,252 tons less in British shipyards than at the end of 1947.

Of the ships being built in Britain, 747,909 tons are intended for registration abroad, including 312,785 tons for Norway and 110,895 tons for Argentina.

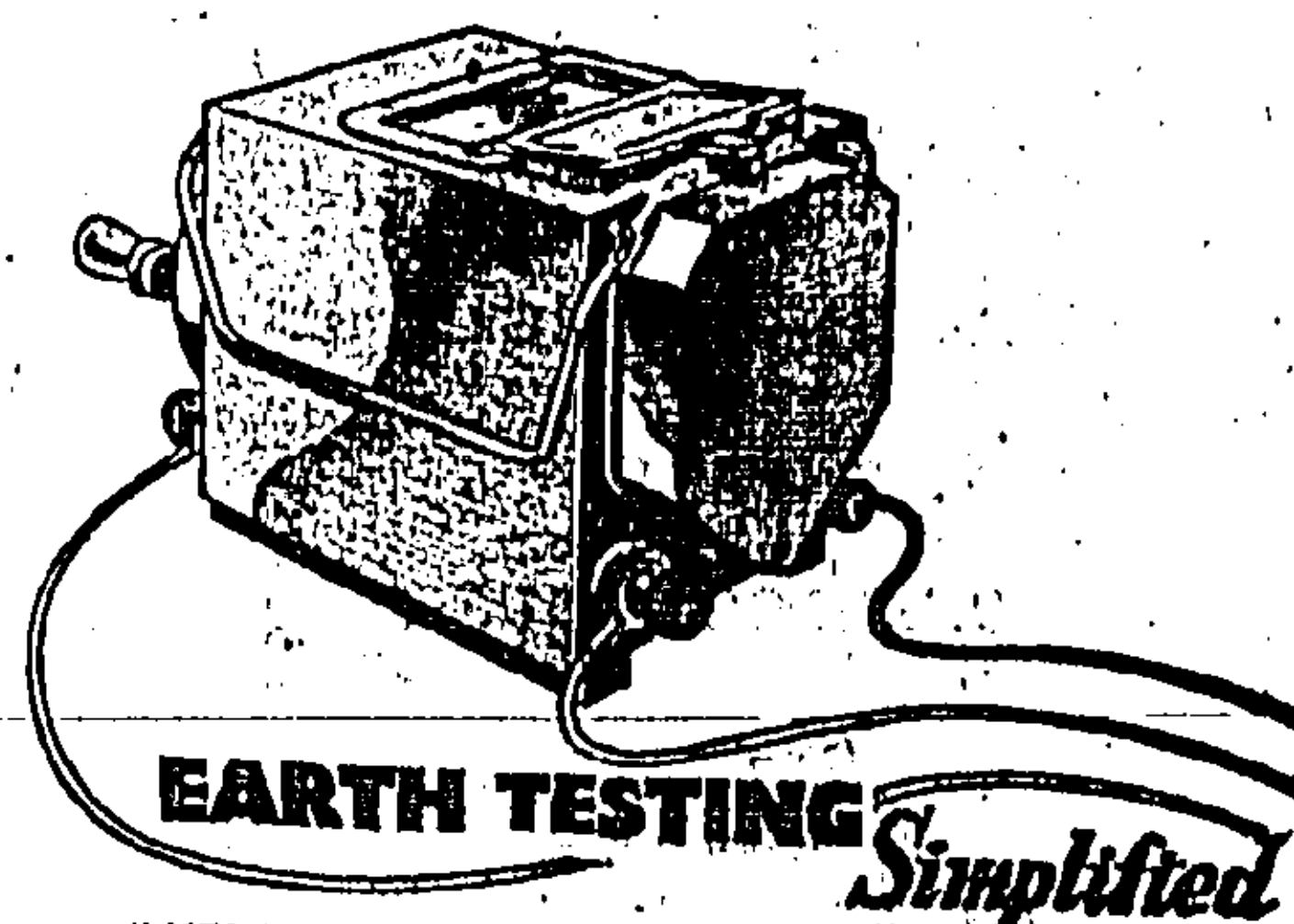
The leading countries building ships abroad are: France 414,389 tons, the United States 400,849 tons and Sweden 245,415 tons. —Reuters.

EMERGENCY IN MALAYA

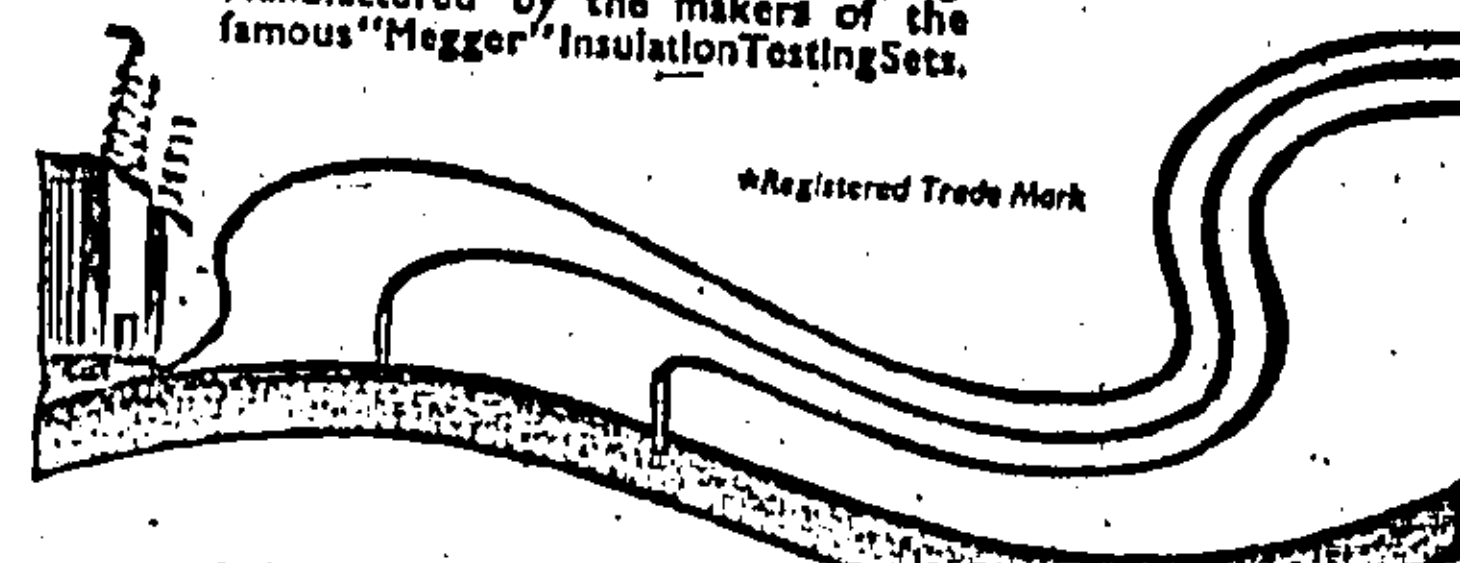
Singapore, January 18.

The state of emergency in Singapore and Malaya has been extended for another three months from January 21.

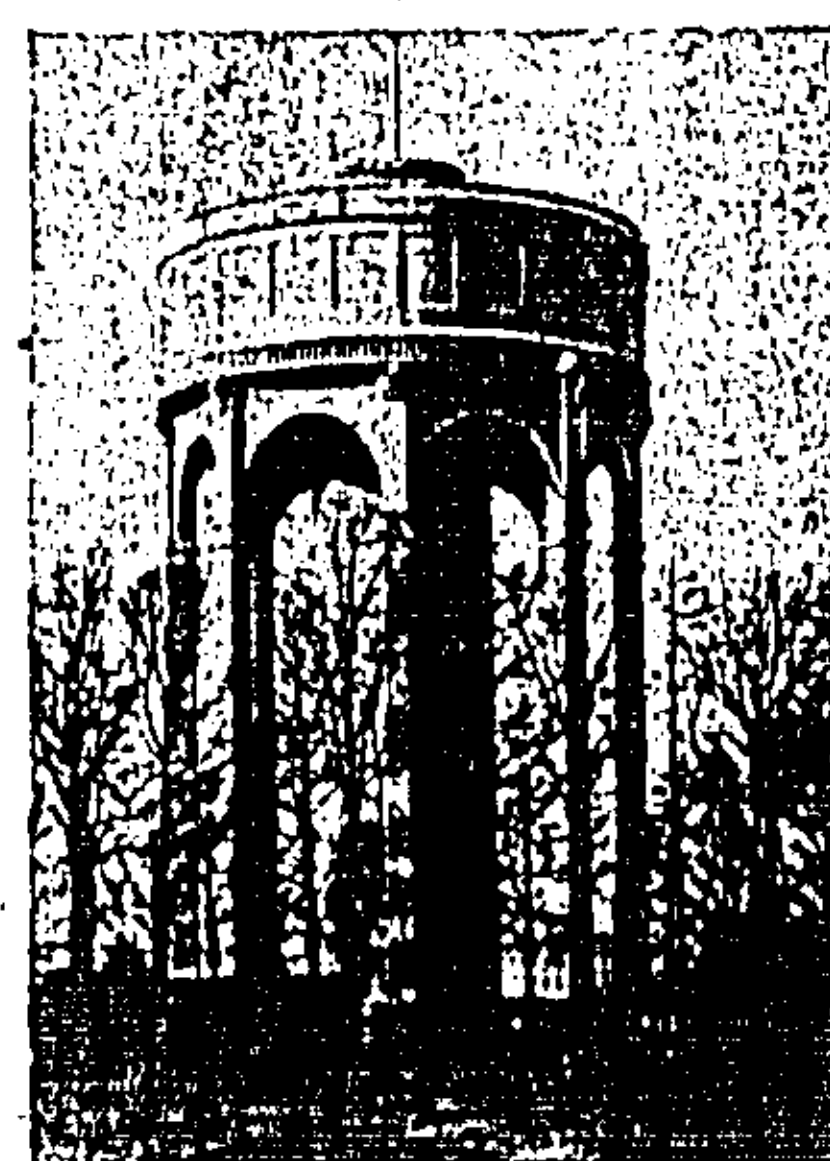
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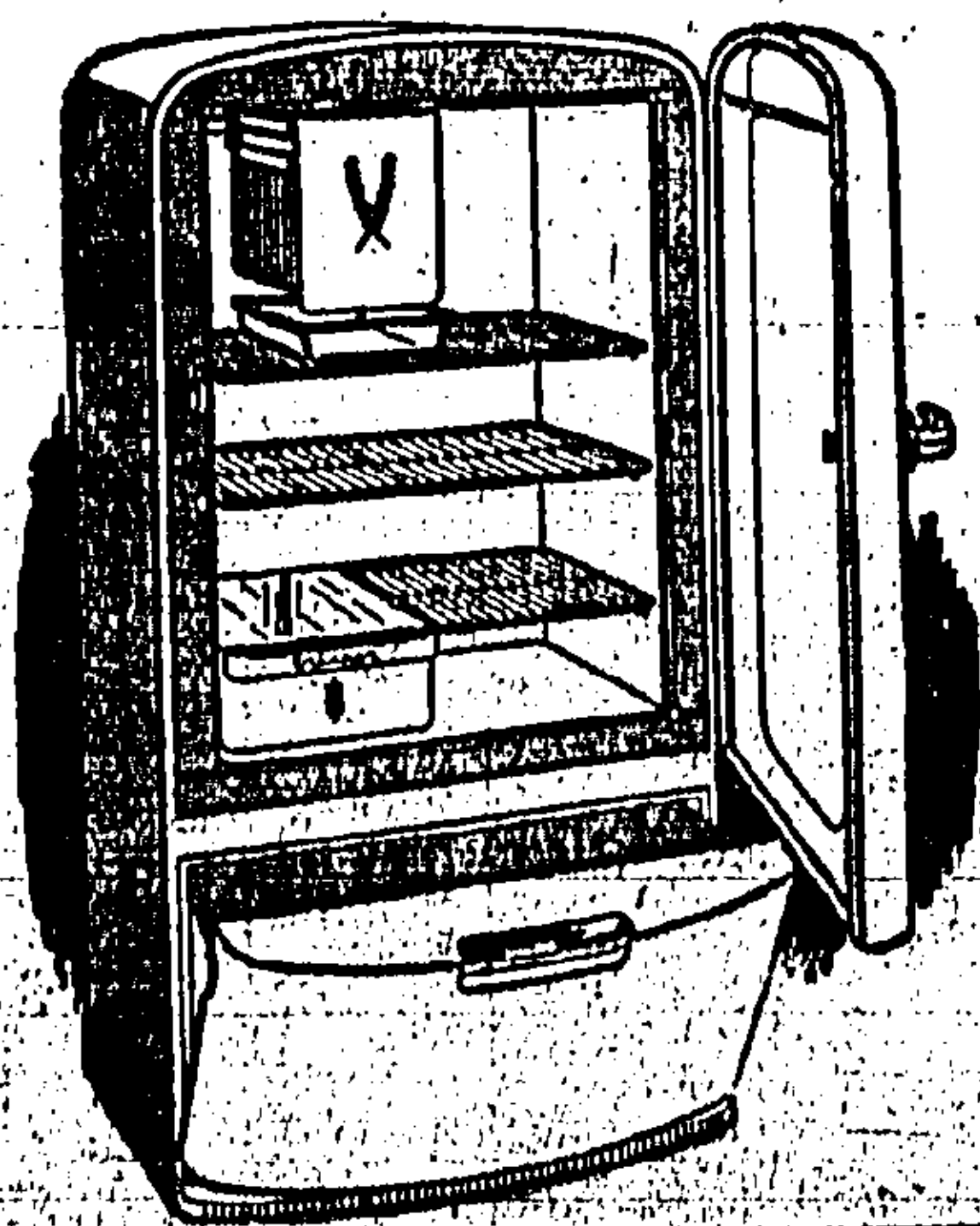
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Lecture On Juvenile Delinquency

At least half the population of Stanley should not be there, said Mr. Norman at the Public Relations Office lecture room yesterday when he gave a talk on juvenile delinquents.

Juvenile delinquency, said the speaker, is a grave problem all over the world, and preventive work to ensure the child not to become a delinquent is more important than punishment.

"There is no surer preventive than a really secure and happy home."

In England, there are three courses a magistrate or judge may take in regard to juvenile offenders, the most important being the order of supervision, or place the child under probation.

But in Hong Kong, corporal punishment is usually administered. And corporal punishment, whatever its deterrent powers, is the last remaining form of physical torture. In these enlightened times, this medieval method of punishment should not be allowed to exist, he said.

In the reformatory at Stanley, the speaker went on to say, there are at present 73 children, 13 of whom have been recommended for banishment. In other words, most of them will remain in the Colony after their discharge. But there is no institution in Hong Kong to give them after-care. They will go out from prison without anyone to take any interest of them, or help them to get a job.

As to probation, the system is very seldom practised in this Colony. At present, there are only three probation officers in Hong Kong, none of whom have received any training save in the school of hard experience, he declared.

It would appear that Hong Kong apes the legislation of England without providing the means to carry it out, Mr. Norman said.

In answer to a question put forward by one of the audience, Mr. Norman said that in the eyes of the law, the boy hawking without a licence is just as much a delinquent as a pickpocket and that he quite agreed with the questioner's opinion that our law is definitely wrong.

"What alternative has the magistrate," he said.

Murder Charge Against Woman Dropped

At the Supreme Court yesterday, the Crown entered a Nolle Prosequi (unwillingness to prosecute) in the case in which Tsang Tai, a 46-year old Chinese woman, was charged with the murder of her husband, Ng Choi.

Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), before whom Tsang Tai was arraigned, accordingly ordered her to be discharged.

Tsang Tai's first act on leaving the courtroom was to rush forward and embrace her son, who was in the arms of a relative in the corridor.

Mr. M. Heenan represented the Crown, while Tsang Tai was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. F. H. Leong. Ng Choi, a 63-year old farmer, who was charged together with Tsang Tai, was found to be insane by a jury on Monday last and ordered to be detained in safe custody during His Majesty's pleasure.

Ng Lun was represented by Mr. Y. K. Mok instructed Mr. C. Y. Kwun.

The murder with Tsang Tai and Ng Lun were charged is alleged to have taken place at Sheung Shui in the New Territories on August 8, 1947.

YMCA's Forum On Radio In Hong Kong

That Radio Hong Kong should run on a policy of catering to the community's requirements in entertainment as well as education, and the part it should play in building up citizenship in the Colony, was the general opinion of the audience at the "Forum on Radio" conducted at the European YMCA last night.

The meeting was attended by a fair gathering which asked the forum questions for nearly two hours.

The forum was comprised of Mr. P. O. Phillips, Mr. Frank Harris, Mrs. Linda Cater and Mr. L. Starbuck.

Mr. Phillips explained briefly the organization, method and in-ter-est of the forum. He said that the radio forum was in its endeavour to satisfy the public, the first duty of all being its restricted facilities in the way of finance and staff, since the income is considerably smaller than the cost of production, the station being subsidised therefore, by Government.

This brought the first question from the audience which asked that since no commercialised radio station is being allowed to operate, it was the job of the Government to equip itself with the necessary facilities to broadcast the radio closer to the interest of the public.

Another pressing question was why news and matters of local interest, particularly those relating to Government legislations and the activities of the Council, were not given publicity through the radio.

The forum's answer to this was that local newspapers were not happy about "scooping" themselves, which brought replies that "surely, by announcing that certain newspaper reports to such-and-such an incident would give favourable advertisement to that particular paper."

However, the forum reassured, they would note the request for future guidance.

Breakfast programmes and requests for more short, thrillers and plays were expressed as very desirable in daily programmes.

On breakfast programmes Radio Hong Kong's representative indicated pessimism and the question was referred to Mr. Frank Harris who said that Radio Rediffusion which hopes to operate in early March, is planning a 7 a.m. to midnight programme.

Admitting responsibility for burglary and larceny from two dwellings, when property valued at more than \$300 was stolen, Yu Ki-kwok of no fixed abode, was sentenced to a total of six months' imprisonment and a recommendation for banishment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Prosecuting was DSI Sykes of Eastern Station who informed the magistrate that Yu broke into the South China Football Club at Caroline Hill Road during the early hours of the January 17, stole a fountain pen and various items of clothing to the total value of about \$200.

Also during the early hours of January 15, defendant broke into the residence of Mrs. Mervyn Brown and stole articles valued at more than \$100.

Most of the articles were pawned, said Inspector Sykes. He asked the magistrate to issue a warning to pawnbrokers to exercise more stringent care when people of defendant's type make pledges.

The necessary warning was issued by Mr. Lo, who also ordered the complainants to redeem the items at their own expense.

EXAM RESULTS

The following were successful in the Royal Sanitary Institute examination in Tropical Hygiene, held at Hong Kong in October:-

Messrs. Edward Maxwell-Holroyd, Chung Pui-sun, Brinley Williams, Ki Yu-woon, Chan Tak-chun, Ko Toek-yum, Wong Peng-ho, Fung Man-kan, Mok Kwong-yu, Chung Wing-kwong, Lai Koo-leung, Ng Hong-yat, Lam Yu-bun, Leung Hon-ming, Wong Man-yiu, Tang Hoyan, Wong Wing-sum, Tam Ping-kwan and Leung Mofan.

Drivers To Resume Discussions

The taxi dispute remains unsettled. The Motorcar Drivers Union held a meeting yesterday and decided to resume talks with representatives of the taxi owners at the Labour Office today.

The taxi owners issued a statement last night to clear up what they described as misleading statements which have appeared in the Press.

The salient points in the statement are:

The taxi owners agreed to the Union's demands to increase the daily wage to \$2.75, to allow the old drivers to work to be decided by ballot.

The mediators assured the taxi owners that if the demands were accepted to there would be no more questions on the other Terms of the Agreement submitted in October last.

The taxi owners fail to appreciate the accusation by the Union of causing delay in signing the Contract as they have met every morning and kept in close touch with the Labour Office.

The motive of the owners in asking their employees to sign the same contract form as signed by the Union representatives is a genuine one as the individual driver must know the full terms to which he is committed.

The conditions of a driver's regulations are for guidance of the employee, protection of the public; and although invited to criticize, the Union declined to answer.

Drivers must have unbroken service up to the Chinese New Year to be entitled to New Year bonus which must also depend on profits. As result of considerable losses, due to the dispute, the owners are unable to pay New Year bonus.

Despite assurances by the mediators, the last point was brought out by the Union when the owners were about to sign the agreed terms.

Union representatives who agreed to ballot to avoid discrimination and prevent intimidation, now disagree to it.

The owners have stood by all the assurances given to the mediators and there has been no diversion on the owners' part.

Wah Yan Boys Visit Chinese Film Studio

The members of the Camera Club of Wah Yan College visited the studios of the Yung Wah Motion Picture Company yesterday afternoon.

On their arrival they were met by the Assistant General Manager, Mr. W. D. Wong who, together with Mr. T. K. Tang accompanied the students around the sound stages, the developing and printing laboratories, and the sound recording studios.

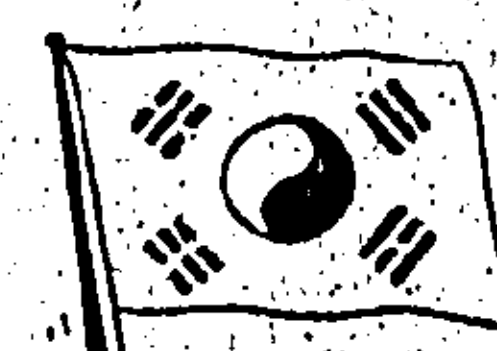
They were particularly interested in the demonstration given to them of the most recent editing and cutting machine, the Movielia which enables the operator to view the film he is editing on a small screen, while at the same time the loudspeaker reproduces the sound track.

The students were also shown the stage where "back-projection" work is done.

Before the boys left, they were entertained by the management of the Studios to a short programme of Chinese films. The visit to the Studios was arranged by the Rev. J. Macanay, S.J., Director of the College Camera Club, by courtesy of the General Manager of the Company, Mr. T. Y. Lee.

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Heavy Burden

The Taiwan Government, meanwhile, has taken two measures to keep the currency from spiralling. One is to readjust the exchange rate frequently with Chinese gold yuan. The other is to stimulate local production of goods so that money will find something to buy.

Nevertheless the currency reform on the mainland last August and its subsequent depreciation has had its effect on Taiwan currency. During a 70 day period after August 19, 1948 the Taiwan banknote issue rose from T\$2,000,000,000 to T\$8,000,000,000.

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While this has had a sobering effect, observers are waiting to see whether it can take care of the increased purchasing power now appearing on Taiwan markets.

These observers hold that one of Dr. Wei's headaches is to

Taipei, January 19.

Taiwan's separate currency is facing the acid test. Until recently it was relatively stable, especially in comparison to money on the Chinese mainland.

Now with the influx of wealthy refugees and Government personnel from war-torn China, prices are rising and the note issue is increasing.

In 1945 the total of Taiwan Yen notes issued by the Bank of Taiwan was reported at T\$200,000,000.

By the end of 1948 this figure had increased to T\$800,000,000, but by the end of 1948 it had risen to more than T\$10,000,000,000.

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While this has had a sobering effect, observers are waiting to see whether it can take care of the increased purchasing power now appearing on Taiwan markets.

These observers hold that one of Dr. Wei's headaches is to

handle the heavy burden on Taiwan's economy imposed by the loans extended to the National Resources Commission.

They say that the Taiwan Yen cannot long withstand the pull of a policy which takes

in this connection the arrival of Government units from China proper is regarded as increasing the pressure, as more currency is likely to be called for to pay increased Government personnel here to meet other expenses.

With more producing areas falling into Communist hands on the mainland, further resort to the printing press here to meet such added costs is foreseen. The costs are aggravated by the need for foreign exchange to buy fertilizer and other items which must come from abroad.

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London Stock Exchange

Parliament reassembled in London today and trading in the Stock Exchange was small with operators awaiting the outcome of the debate on foreign affairs. Prices in most sections held quietly with occasional slight irregularities. Government stocks showed little alteration on the day but were easier for choice. Industrials were irregular, with building shares firm and small declines in iron, steel, and store shares. Oil shares showed an occasional gain in a very small turnover. Breweries were featured by the start in dealings in Becher's 24. Military ordinary and preference and a sharp gain over the faded price was recorded by both.

Foreign funds were idle and without movement. Foreign calls showed selected figures in Brazilian. Today was the last of the present account and the usual restricted trade. Gold mining shares received little attention but there was frequency in Raffles. The undertone of the section remains sensitive.

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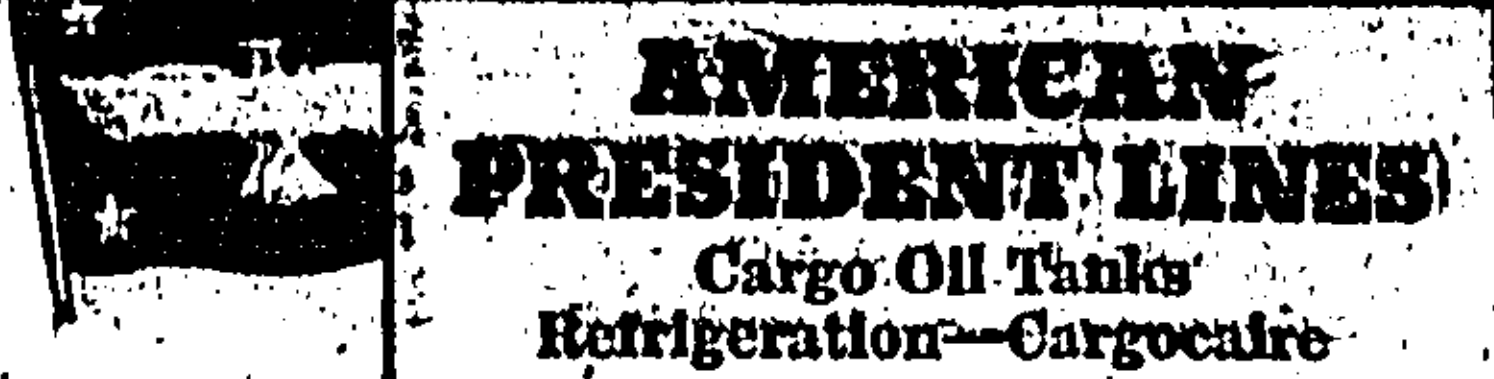
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"Franklin Victory" (via Japan)	Jan. 26
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Tomorrow

FAA ex-Manila: 2 p.m.; ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Shanghai: 3.30 p.m.; BOAC ex-Singapore, Bangkok: 5 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 5 p.m.

Tomorrow

AIR FRANCE ex-Shanghai: 11 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m., 10.10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 a.m.; ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.50 p.m.; ex-Foochow via Canton: 2.45 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; Amoy: 2.50 p.m.; CATO ex-Kunming via Luchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.

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CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m., 11.40 a.m.; HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.40 a.m.; 2.40 p.m., 4.40 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 2 p.m.; ex-Manila: 2.40 p.m.

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CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 12.45 p.m., 5 p.m.; ex-Canton: 8.40 a.m., 10.10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.50 p.m., 3.35 p.m., 5.10 a.m.; ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.50 p.m.; ex-Foochow via Canton: 2.45 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 11.45 a.m.; Amoy: 2.50 p.m.; CATO ex-Kunming via Luchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.

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VAHUBO (Colt), Panama, 6.15 a.m., ex-Bahrein, O. Olsen, Tuen Wan FIANCEVILLE (Bank), Norwegian, 1.57 a.m., ex-Cebu, E. Hjalstad, K. Whf.

Today

MEMNON (H & B) ex-New York, PRESIDENT MADISON (ATL) ex-Pacific Coast, SHENCHING (H & B) ex-Shanghai, TAIKANG (Jardine) ex-Japan, TEGELBERG (RIL) ex-Shanghai.

Tomorrow

LINFIELD VICTORY (Jardine) ex-Manila, MALACCA (EAC) ex-Europe, TASHMAN (RIL) ex-Amoy.

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